

Council reconsiders ambulance staffing requirements



Dave Baumeister/File photo
Med-Star owner Jay Masur addresses the Minnehaha County Commission.

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Brandon’s emergency ambulance service isn’t going anywhere. But it was in jeopardy for a few days last week following the council’s Jan. 20 action to amend Ordinance 598. The amended change essentially required the city’s 911 provider, MED-Star, in this case, to have a paramedic on board 95 percent of their runs. The current ordinance required both a paramedic and EMT when patient care and transport are occurring. The amended ordinance also requires that same staff, but gives leeway to 90 percent of runs the ambulance service makes. MED-Star has largely met those requirements since being named the city’s 911 provider 13 years ago. Owner Jay Masur said there have been three occasions in 13 years that a paramedic was not on the initial run, but did arrive on scene. The last four months, MED-Star has had a paramedic on emergency runs 100 percent of the time. Masur said his service averages 300 calls per year, with about 210 of those calls needing to be transferred. “Why would you want to change something that’s working?” he asks. Out of the Jan. 15 work session between the council and Masur, 90 percent staffing requirement was the agreed upon figure. The 5-1 council vote on Jan. 20, however, upped the requirement to 95 percent. Alderwoman Dana Clark suggested the 5 percent increase, saying she couldn’t get behind the 90 percent figure, suggesting a 95 percent compromise. Alderman Dave Kull cast the lone nay vote, noting that 90 percent “is a fairly standard benchmark in the EMS industry.” The 5 percent increase resulted in a Jan. 23 special meeting, where the council reversed their action, voting 5-1 to lower the staffing requirement to 90 percent. Clark cast the dissenting vote. Kull said he met with Masur following the council’s Jan. 20 action, saying he was disappointed to learn the 95 percent staffing requirement was implemented in the ordinance’s second reading.

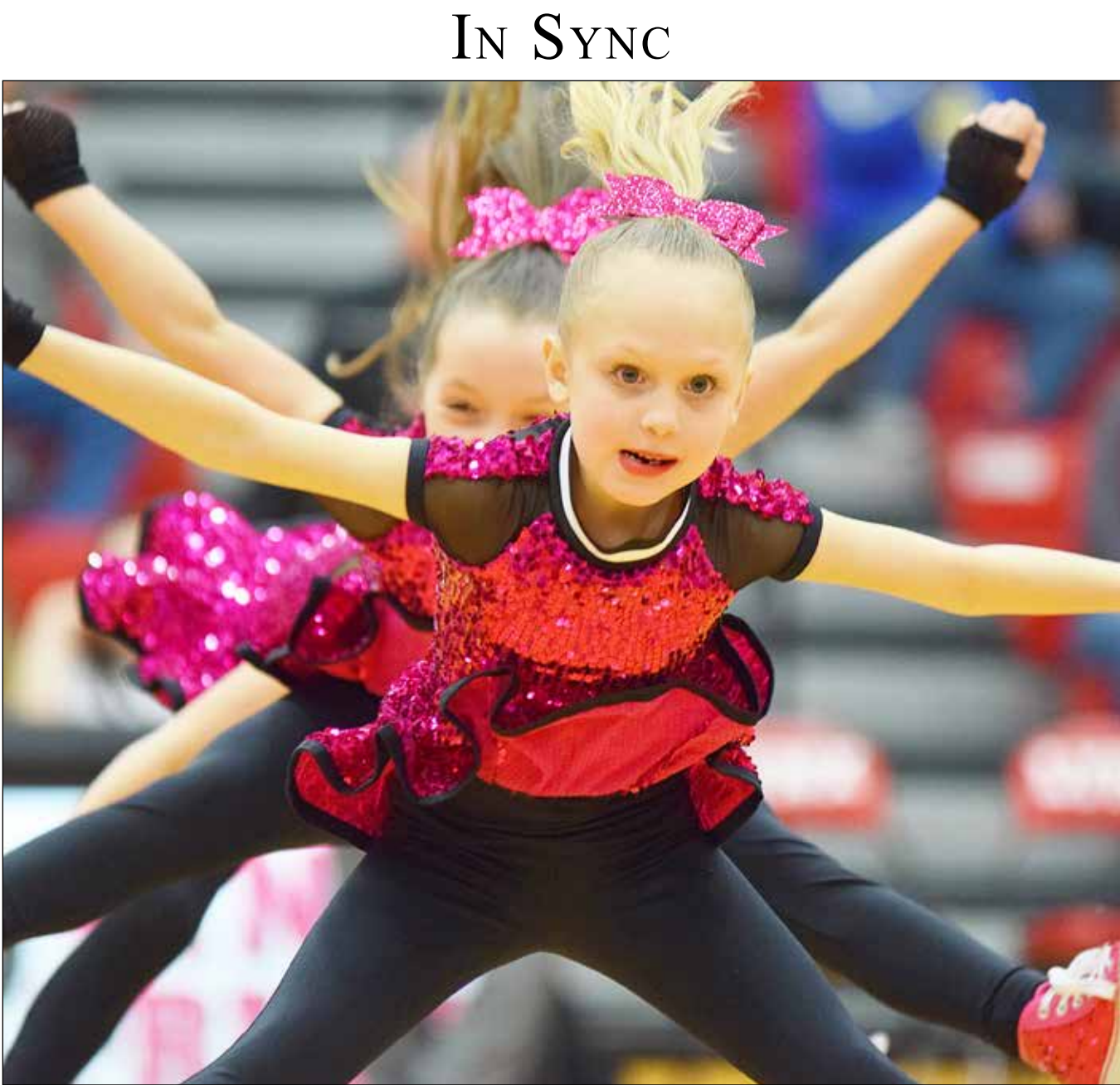
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Legislators take up transgender, budget issues at local Q&A

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

Transgender rights, public education funding and administering of prescription drugs were a few of the topics taken up at the legislative coffee Saturday at Bethany Meadows’ Brandon campus. District 10 and 25 House and Senate representatives fielded questions from the public in the 90-minute forum, which was organized by the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce. Several audience members were curious about the representatives’ stances on a bill that would criminalize transgender health care for minors. House Bill 1057 is scheduled to be voted upon on Wednesday. All 10 and 25 legislators, with the exception of Rep. Doug Barthel (R-Sioux Falls) said they supported the bill, which would make it illegal for doctors to prescribe hormones or perform sex reassignment surgery on youth under age 16. “The testimony in support of the bill is very compelling. The testimony against it is anecdotal at best,” said Rep. Steve Haugaard (R-Sioux Falls). “Why isn’t our medical board involved in making this decision?” asked Nichole Cauwels. “Shouldn’t this be handled at the medical board level, and with the physicians?” “It’s not just off-the-cuff response to the issue,” Haugaard said. “It’s looking at the science; it’s looking at individuals on a one-on-one basis as well.” He went on to say that interrupting the body’s development before puberty could be an irreversible mistake. “There’s always been people, maybe men who are a little more effeminate and women who are a little bit more masculine,” he said. “But now, we seem to have this in the forefront. It’s being affected in large part, I

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Jill Meier/BV Journal

Tajia Groenewold performs with a Dynamic Dance group during halftime of a Lynx boys’ basketball game last Thursday.

Kids take crack at new school blueprints

Jill Meier
Journal editor

When it comes to the design, wants and needs of Brandon Valley’s next elementary school, district administrators turned to those that have a vested interest in the school itself: The kids. Without having to open the checkbook, the youngsters let their imaginations run wild with wants. Think hot tub, indoor pool – with lanes, a garden and craft room, an auditorium for performance arts, and even a room where students could go to simply relieve stress. Last week, Superintendent Dr. Jarrod Larson, business manager Paul Lundberg and curriculum director Sherri Nelson heard building plan presentations from teams of Fred Assam Elementary fourth graders. The presentations were the culmination of an approximate three-week STEM-based unit that involved every grade level. “It’s great stuff,” said Lundberg, who added he was overly impressed by their ideas. Kim Skibsted, district STEM/technology integrationist, said she chose this topic for the first large-scale STEM project “because it’s real for them and this makes it relevant to them.” “They now get to have a say, or they think they get to have a say in the new school, even the fourth graders knowing that they’re going to the intermediate building. But we talked about future buildings because this isn’t the last one that’s going to be built. They have lots of great ideas, they have imaginations

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Jamie Hult/BV Journal

Ryan Schellpfeffer asks legislators’ opinion of a bill expanding nurses’ prescriptive privileges Saturday in Brandon.

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Viewpoints

HB 1057 is one of most controversial topics

PIERRE – Week two of our Legislative Session began Jan. 21, although we did have an Executive Board meeting the night before in order to discuss the replacement of the Director of our Legislative Research Council. Mr. Jason Hancock has served us very well for the past five years and is simply moving back to Idaho to be closer to his older family members who need more assistance. He has accepted a position as Idaho’s Assistant Secretary of State. We will be seeking a replacement as soon as possible.

The most controversial bill so far has been HB 1057. This bill prohibits elective surgeries, procedures or courses of treatment upon a minor which affects an individual’s sex, or at least that person’s perception of their sex. Rep. Fred Deutsch was the prime sponsor. I, along with many others signed on as a co-sponsor. It was heard before the State Affairs Committee and was passed to the House floor. The Bill is primarily focused on prohibiting surgery and use of hormones and hormone blocking agents to attempt to alter the person’s sexual appearance. The Bill was amended to apply only to individuals under 16 years of age.

Scientific research indicates that the use of such chemical therapies alters the child’s natural bodily development. Studies also show that the vast majority of people who make such a choice will likely want to reverse that choice when they are in their 20s. Sadly, if the child chooses such a treatment, the child will forever miss that window of time and their opportunity for natural development of brain, body and emotions.

The bill is intended to protect children due to the lack of sufficient supporting research for such procedures. In the first week of the

2020 S.D. LEGISLATURE

Speaker of the House Steve Haugaard
District 10 (R - Sioux Falls)



Session we heard the presentations of the Governor, Chief Justice Gilbertson and one of the Tribal Chairmen, Lester Thompson. Following the Tribal Address several of the Legislators attended the Great Sioux Nation Tribal Address. That was a historic event, as it appears several tribes of the Great Sioux Nation have not previously met in such a joint session. There is growing cooperation between the state and the various tribal leaders. Hopefully, we will continue to work together to solve some of our shared problems.

Following the daily session this past Thursday we conducted the annual Memorial Service for those Legislators who died in the past year, several of whom were Legislators from the Sioux Falls area.

Each year the Pierre Riggs High School Chamber Choir, under the masterful direction of Rodd Bauck, performs very moving and reverent selections which honor those we have lost. This year there were a total of 15 former Legislators honored. Many of the families were in attendance and expressed their deep appreciation for the ceremony. The families of those Legislators were also recognized for the great sacrifice they made to help their family member serve the State of South Dakota.

Again, this year, I had the honor of providing the message for the Memorial Service. Last year it was an opportunity to express my personal appreciation for the service of Roger Hunt, a great friend to many in the Brandon area, and this year the memorial included another close personal friend of mine, Kermit Staggers. You can listen to the service on

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SOUNDING OFF

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

Website poll
Do you agree with the petition being circulated to allow fireworks July 3-4 in the city of Brandon?
A.) Yes – 61%
B.) No – 29%

C.) Undecided – 11%
Wednesday
‘Would You Rather?’
Would you rather sit on a block of ice for an hour or walk a quarter mile on hot coals?
A.) Block of ice – 82%
B.) Hot coals – 18%

CORRECTION

An incorrect street was cited in the Brandon Police report in the Jan. 22 issue of the *Brandon Valley Journal*. The Tuesday, Jan. 14 report should have read: “Stolen vehicle reported in 500 block of S. Lakota Ave., under investigation.”

The *Journal* regrets the error.

Let’s get wild this Saturday

I hope the headline grabbed your attention. It was meant to.

The “wild” I refer to is the 36th Annual Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed. It’s this Saturday at the Brandon VFW. The buffet line opens at 5:30 p.m. and the auction gets underway at 7 p.m., but come early to claim your place at the table, scour the baubles we’ve collected for the live auction, raffles and games, and as always, enjoy the company that surrounds you. Chances are, you might know them. Or not, and it’s likely, they’re good people who may become a new friend.

I signed on with the game feed gang five years or so ago. It’s a club I’m proud to be part of. My comrades and I do it because we all believe in the mission the wild game feed was first established for: to help local kids fighting

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Jill Meier | Editor



cancer and other life-impacting illnesses and/or events.

I didn’t know Ed Polzine, the event’s namesake. But I surely bought into his big heart to make a positive difference for local kids battling cancer.

While volunteering can sometimes seem like a second job, it’s surely not. Our committee does a great job of turning volunteering into fun. If you question that, stop by a prep night at the VFW this week and check us out. You’re sure to find lots of chatter and laughter while the volunteer work carries on. Better yet, you’re invited to

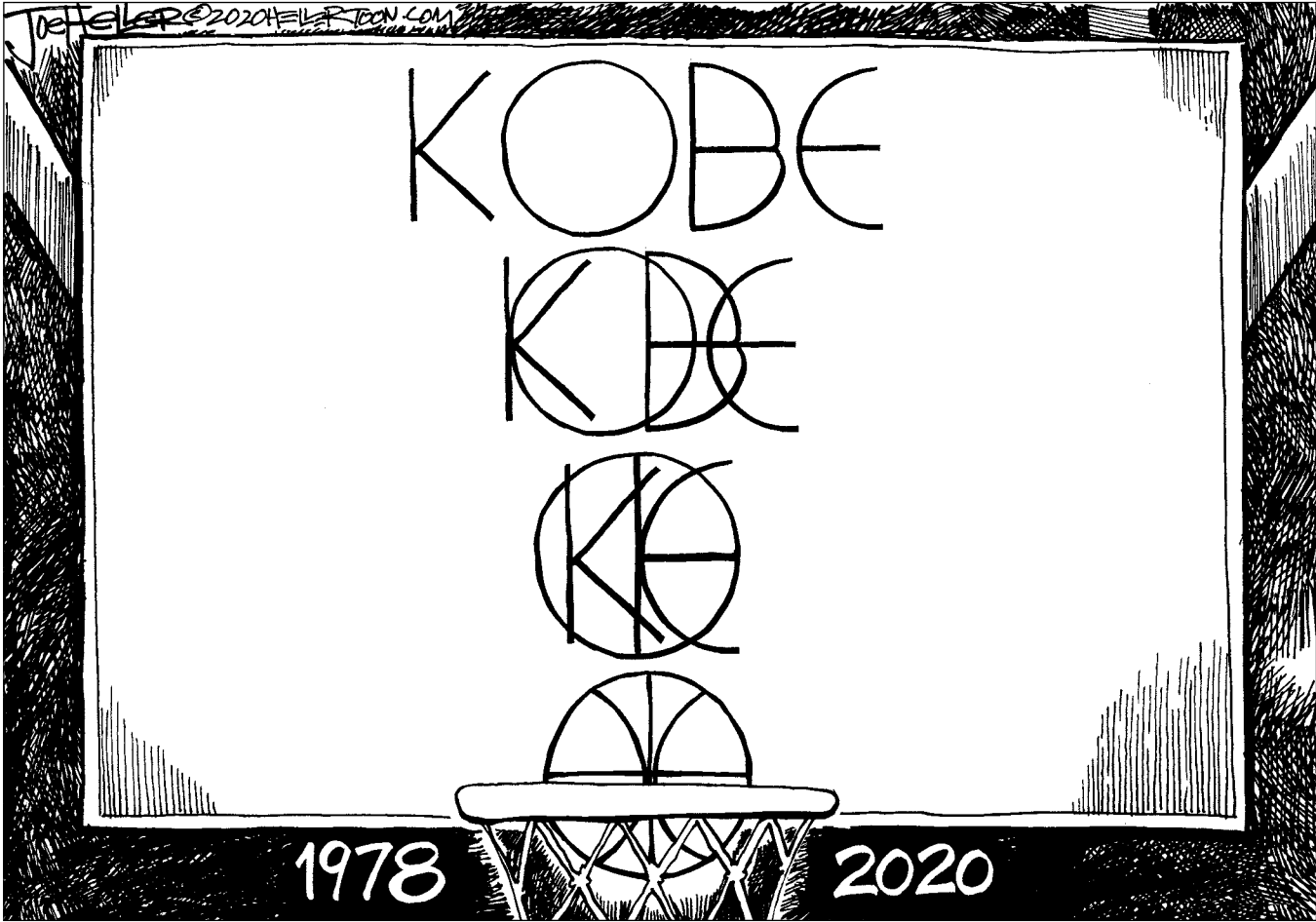
join us!

Let’s face it, cancer stinks. It’s not convenient. It changes life and circumstances, oftentimes keeping moms and dads from working, ultimately draining bank accounts, making life even more difficult to face than it already is.

And that’s where we come in.

Although we’d love nothing more than to be able to wave a magic wand and cure cancer of all kinds, we don’t have that power. But what we do have is the will to help those who’ve been dealt a bad hand, and we do it every year the Saturday night before the Super Bowl.

So, pencil in “a wild Saturday night” on your calendar this week, and help us help kids battling cancer and other life-impacting illnesses and/or events.



STEM brings real world learning into classroom

Preparing students to be life-long learners and productive citizens through a positive learning environment requires collaborative efforts of educators, students, parents, and our community. In addition to our fundamental emphasis on reading and mathematics, the Brandon Valley Strategic Plan highlights our development and incorporation of K-4 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) into our elementary curriculum. This initiative is being led through Sherri Nelson,

BVSD Director of Instruction, Curriculum, and Assessment, and Kim Skibsted, BVSD STEM Integration-

ist. With the assistance of Architecture Incorporated, Fred Assam Elementary students designed projects and presented ideas for construction within our new elementary school. From playground layouts to interior design, with cost estimates, the kids covered it all. I’m not certain we will be able

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Dr. Jarod Larson
BVSD Superintendent



to incorporate a jacuzzi hot tub as one group suggested, but we are certainly proud of their incredible work. Great job!

In addition to our Strategic Plan, our Vision of a Graduate also guides the work of our schools. Our vision for all children is to LEAD – LEARN – SERVE. With the legislative process underway, there is a prime

opportunity to promote our students’ understanding of contributions made through civic engagement. Our student council participation in Brandon Day at the Legislature supports the understanding of civic duty through service and leadership.

With a clear vision and sound plan, we continually work to produce productive citizens. Together, working in a collaborative, we can provide our kids an excellent educational experience.

Go Lynx!

Everybody hurts

FROM THE PULPIT

Associate Pastor Dan Nelson
Brandon & Spillrock Lutheran Churches



Olajuwon, Miller, Shaq, Garnett, and of course, Kobe.

To be clear I never liked the Lakers at any point of my childhood. I still don’t. I see them as the Yankees of basketball, just buying their way into a championship roster while my pathetic Timberwolves enter into their second decade of “rebuilding”. But I cried when Kobe died.

At one of the games I saw Bryant play in, he was in

especially fine form and just could not miss and those Lakers were just crushing my poor Timberwolves. But when Kobe hit turnaround after turnaround jumper, I didn’t boo, I didn’t scream at him, I just sort of shrugged and I said something like, “You can’t be mad about that. He’s just that good.”

So yeah, I cried when I

saw teams taking 24-second violations, having 24 seconds of silence and remembering the late basketball player on Sunday night after his death along with his daughter, daughter’s teammate and six others in a helicopter crash.

Why? Would that affect me? Remember, I don’t even like the Lakers ... but I love basketball.

When things like this happen and a beloved music, athlete, politician, actor dies you will see people re-

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Four arrested on narcotics charges

Staff report

Four people were taken into custody Jan. 21 following a drug bust in the 100 block of South Teton Drive. Bruce James Kooiker, 21, Preston William Trower, 21, Dennis Jean Peterson, 24, and Lana Michelle Braswell, 21, were all arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

Kooiker and Trower also face charges of manufacture/distribution of controlled substance, and Kooiker is charged with maintaining a place for drugs.

Brandon police discovered the criminal activity through personal observation, said Chief Joe Weir. Local drug arrests rose significantly in December, Weir said, due to the “skills that the officers have developed and perfected their trade.”

“I’m not sure there’s a rapid rise in possession and distribution; it’s more of an indication of our officers becoming more astute,” he said.

Weir didn’t share the amount of narcotics that was discovered and seized or whether all four individuals are Brandon residents.

“The investigation is continuing, ongoing, and I don’t want to jeopardize it,” he said.

Possession of a controlled substance is a class 4 felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$20,000, up to 10 years in prison, or both.

Keeping a place for the use or sale of a controlled substance is a class 5 felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000, up to five years in prison, or both.

Who’s up for re-election in 2020?

Filings open for city government Jan. 31

Staff report

There are a variety of upcoming vacancies on the Brandon City Council, Brandon Valley Board of Education and Valley Springs City Commission in 2020.

Two, four-year seats on the Brandon council now held by Chuck Parsons (Ward 3) and Tim Jorgenson (Ward 1) will be up for grabs this spring. A two-year seat in Ward 3 currently occupied

by Vickie David also expires in May.

Parsons does not plan to seek re-election, and Jorgenson is undecided as to whether or not he’ll run in April. David said she plans to retain her position.

On the Brandon Valley Board of Education, Ellie Saxer’s term expires this year. She said she plans to file for the three-year seat again.

And on the Valley Springs Commission, Dean Helgeson’s five-year term expires in 2020. Helgeson said he will

seek another term.

The filing period for the Brandon City Council and Valley Springs Commission begins Friday, Jan. 31 and closes at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. An election, if warranted, would be held Tuesday, April 7.

Nomination petitions for the school board may be circulated starting April 7. The filing deadline is May 8, and an election would be held Tuesday, June 16.



Jamie Hult/BV Journal

Brandon Valley middle and intermediate school students who were selected to the 2020 Middle School All-State Band are (front, from left): Sam Hofer, Tenley Rude, Maya Matthies, Karlee Jones, Will McCarthy, Alexa Christopherson, Autumn Taylor, Jalen Nafziger, Isaac Fode, Emily Outland; (back) Parker Thorsland, Ella Forman, Kalli Rees, Kyra Weiss, Regan Brunkow, Ava Bunkers, Chloe Bills, Lillian Dirksen, Zo Conrad, Camden Coughlin, Matsen Menage.

BVMS qualifies 21 for All-State Band

Staff report

Brandon Valley once again set an All-State Band record, qualifying 21 students from Brandon Valley Middle School and Brandon Valley Intermediate School.

Last year, BV had 20 students selected to the elite band, and there were 16 in 2018.

Three from this year’s group – Parker Thorsland, Camden Coughlin and Em-

ily Outland – were also selected to this year’s All-State Jazz Band.

The group includes three sixth-graders this year, which is unique, according to BVIS music director Laura Schenk.

“No school other than Brandon has had three sixth-graders in All-State before,” she said.

Brandon Valley also had the second highest number of students qualify in South Dakota.

“The number of students has steady-

ly increased every year since 2017,” said BVMS band director Cal Lipetzky. “Laura and I are really proud of the students’ hard work and amazing achievements.”

Over 500 students submit auditions each year from around the state.

Thorsland also secured first chair alto saxophone for the All-State Band, which will perform Saturday, March 7 in Mitchell.

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the LRC website.

On Friday, the House of Representatives passed a resolution of appreciation acknowledging the first-term legislative pages. Pages help the Legislators with a variety of tasks and are typically high school seniors who serve for two weeks of the Session. Their service to the Legislature is greatly appreciated and I encourage all of those who are coming up

on their senior year to apply next year.

Please listen to the proceedings live on South Dakota Public Broadcasting or go to the Legislative Research Council’s website to listen to the recorded committees and floor debate. That can be found at sdlegislature.gov/

As always, please feel free to contact me at steven.haugaard@sdlegislature.gov

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think, by the culture.”

Rep. Jon Hansen (R-Dell Rapids) agreed, saying there were no studies showing the long-term effects of cross-sex hormone therapy, and performing it on minors isn’t FDA approved.

Barthel got a smattering of applause when he said he didn’t support the bill “in its current form.”

“I don’t think anybody should be legislating what’s happening in the exam room,” he said.

Cauwels later said she attended the legislative coffee for other bills, such as HB 1008, which would legalize industrial hemp.

“This specific topic is taking away from issues we really should be legislating,” she said of the transgender discussion.

The legislators also spoke frankly about South Dakota’s current budget shortage.

The topic arose when Siri Sorenson asked about the lack of funding increase for K-12 education in Governor Kristi Noem’s proposed budget.

Sorenson said she was “very concerned” about the future of K-12 education.

“We have a brain drain going on already,” she said.

Sen. Margaret Sutton (R-Sioux Falls), who serves on the appropriations committee, addressed the question.

“Revenue is down. When you look at all the disasters we’ve had, you’ve got some



Jamie Hult/BV Journal

Rep. Kris Langer, Sen. Margaret Sutton and Rep. Steve Haugaard field questions at Saturday’s legislative coffee.

real issues out in the rural areas that we also had to address,” Sutton said. “We are fully aware ... We are going to have to be creative.”

She estimated the state would need to cut \$16 million to pay for the mandatory annual raise in teachers’ salaries (3 percent or the rate of inflation).

Haugaard said the state’s budget should be deconstructed and reconfigured from scratch.

“But it takes some political will, and we don’t seem to have that,” he said.

He also said he didn’t agree with mandatory salary increases.

“For us to have a law in the book that you have to raise somebody’s pay – that doesn’t make any sense,” Haugaard said. “We’re funding a formula that, in many ways, isn’t working very well.”

The legislators also addressed SB 50, which would give nurse anesthetists

the same prescriptive authority that physicians have.

Ryan Schellpfeffer, a Sioux Falls anesthesiologist, testified against the bill in Pierre last week and attended the legislative coffee to hear the legislators’ thoughts.

“Specifically, that would include opioids and narcotics,” he said. “Gov. Noem and the Department of Health have been on the ‘We’re On Meth’ campaign. We want to make sure that the same attention is paid to the opioid crisis as well.”

The legislators said that their understanding of the bill was that it wouldn’t give certified nurse anesthetists authority beyond what they were trained for.

A second legislative coffee, also hosted by the BVACC, will be held with District 10 and 25 legislators at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Bethany Meadows in Brandon. It is open to the public.

TALK of the TOWN

BVHS’s Class of ’20 Hall of Fame inductees announced

This year’s class of inductees into Brandon Valley High School’s Athletic Hall of Fame includes three individuals and a team. They will all be inducted at the March 28 banquet. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased at the high school office starting March 2.

This year’s inductees are Dan Hanson, Class of 1976; Mike Meyers, Class of 1982; Heidi Hoff, Class of 2009; and the 2011 state championship girls’ basketball team.

Next Coffee with the Council is Feb. 15

Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce has February’s “Coffee with the Council” scheduled from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 at Kingbird Coffee, 509 N. Splitrock Blvd. Two to three Brandon City Councilpersons will be on hand to talk with residents about ideas, concerns and the like.

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.

Brandon Library joins in National Puzzle Day fun

Did you know that Jan. 29 is National Puzzle Day?

It is – and the Brandon Community Library, 305 Splitrock Blvd., has gathered an assortment of puzzles for all ages. Come to the library Jan. 29 through Monday, Feb. 3 to help piece them together – and perhaps make some new friends!

To learn more, call the Brandon Community Library at 582-2390 or visit www.siouxlandlib.org.

VSE Science Fair is Feb. 6

The public is invited to take in the Valley Springs Elementary PTA-sponsored Science Fair from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 in the VSE gym. Judging will begin immediately upon setup and awards will be presented at 7 p.m.

Chamber’s Auction Amore is Feb. 7

Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce invites the public to Auction Amore, a night of silent and live auctions, complete with complimentary wine, hors d’oeuvres and games, starting at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Brandon.

Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased from BVACC board members, at the door, or online at brandonvalley-chamber.com.

The silent auction starts at 6 p.m. and the live auction begins at 7:45 p.m.

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AREA DEATH NOTICES

Tuesday, Jan. 21
Cleo Bultsma, 76, Pierre
Dorothy Swenson, 75, Spirit Lake, Iowa

Wednesday, Jan. 22
Bonnie Benson, 77, Sioux Falls
Phyllis Berkland, 94, Sioux Falls
Meriam Brown, 70, Yankton
Cindy Faini, 55, Sioux Falls
Arlene (Fokken) Frier, 96, Colorado
Mary Ellen Goede, 99, Mound, Minn.
Cheryl Grevlos, 82, Sioux Falls
Colette Hoop, 86, Sun City, Ariz., formerly of Sioux Falls
Norma Kirschenman, 100, Menno
Mary Ann Mulhair, 89, Sioux Falls
Warren Myron, 95, Vermillion
Ronald M. Olson, 56, Wau-bay
Donald “Robbie” Robinson, 90, Sioux Falls

Thursday, Jan. 23
Viviana Akot, 21, Sioux Falls
Eileen Clauson, 98, Sioux Falls
Christian “Dugan” Grafín, 81, Flandreau
Peter Gronewold, 88, Lu-verne, Minn.
Stephan Herrgott, 74, Mitch-ell
Marjorie Hokenstad, 74, Sioux Falls
Dolores Larson, 93, Canton
Patty Nale, 88, Sioux Falls
Mark Neuberger, 61, Encin-itas, Calif., formerly of Sioux Falls
Doris Scharf, 90, Sioux Falls
Joann Scholz, 75, Gregory
Keith Thrift, 72, Bridgewater
Lillian Weins, 96, Mitchell

Friday, Jan. 24
Elrod Kaufman, 79, Freeman
Gerald Phelps, 78, Sioux Falls
Fannie Post, 98, Edgerton, Minn.
Loren Schleuter, 85, Estelline
Judith Weigelt, 61, Sioux Falls

Saturday, Jan. 25
L. Michael Bashara, 78, Sioux Falls
Larry Berger, 75, Lake Ben-ton, Minn.
Helen Bohlen, 88, Milbank
Marlee “Moo” Grebin, 88, Sioux Falls
Dr. Ervin Ortman, 96, Sioux Falls
Suzanne Pries, 82, Pierre
Jerry Wagner, 75, Sioux Falls
Edward Woodley, 88, Lu-verne, Minn.

Sunday, Jan. 26
Dick Ambrosius, 73, Sioux Falls
Dean “Mike” Blik, 56, Brandon
Michael Bonciolini, 67, San Antonio, Texas
Gary Graves, 62, Omaha, Neb.
Shari Gruenwald, 57, Wash-ington, D.C.
Marlene Gulbrandson, 85, Sioux Falls
William Haugen, 96, Hartford
Ronald Kuper, 60, Sioux Falls
Kenny Morse, 65, Valley Springs
Bonita “Bonnie” Muhmel, 85, Sioux Falls
Alyce Nelson, 92, Luverne, Minn.
Ronald Reiff, 78, Dell Rapids
Dr. Casey Trainor, 48, Sioux Falls
Audrey Vietor, 90, Sioux Falls
Elaine Waples, 90, Brookings

Monday, Jan. 27
John Dammer, 80, Sioux Falls

Tuesday, Jan. 28
Vivian Bunte, 87, Rock Rap-ids, Iowa
Kenneth Cahoy, 58, Sioux Falls
Sue Christensen, 82, Colman
Jacqueline Haug, 86, Huron
June Heckenlaible, 95, Chi-no, Calif.
Jim Kitchenmaster, 82, Lu-verne, Minn.
Kenneth Ross, 74, Huron
Tricia Thomassen, 46, Tea
Ernest Tyler Jr., 90, Sioux Falls

OBITUARIES

Norman Benson, 87

Norman Benson, 87, of Garretson, died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020, at Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center in Sioux Falls. Mass of Christian Burial was held

Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Garretson.
He is survived by wife, Elaine, Garretson; children: Jeff (Jan) Benson, Garretson, Patti (Dave) Brooks, Mitchell, Peggy Lorenzen and Steve (Colleen) Benson, all of Garretson, and Bill (Jeanne) Benson, Sherman; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Nels Benson, Hills, Minn., and Joyce Risty, Garretson.
For online condolences, visit minneha-hafuneralhome.com.

Doris Scharf, 90

Memorial services for Doris M. Scharf, 90, of Sioux Falls, were held Monday, Jan. 27, 2020, at Grace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls.
Mrs. Scharf passed away Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020.
Survivors include her husband, Harold; five children, Doreen (Roger) Hanson, Brandon, Butch (Kathy) Scharf, Water-town, Donald Scharf, Milbank, Lisa (Mark) Swenson, Sioux Falls, and Patrick (Yng “Katherine” Li) Scharf, Austin, Texas; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchil-dren.
For online condolences, visit george-boom.com.

Kenny Morse, 65
Kenneth Owen Morse, 65, of Valley Springs, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020 after a long and courageous fight with cancer.
He is survived by Cindy Bakker, Kyle and Eva Blair, Christal Blair, Larry and Kay Bakker, Jarad Bakker (Shay Bourns); two sisters, Nancy Morse and Joyce (Doug) Matthews, both of California; 14 grandchil-dren; nieces, nephews and great-nephews; and a multitude of friends.
Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Sioux Falls, was in charge of arrangements.

Norma Kirschenman, 100

Memorial services for Norma Kirschenman, 100, of Menno, were held Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, at the Salem Reformed Church in Menno. Burial of her cremated remains

followed in the Menno Cemetery.
Mrs. Kirschenman died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020 at the Menno-Olivet Care Center in Menno.
She is survived by a sister, Karen Stef-fen of Brandon; two brothers, Dale (Aline) Heiser of Westland, Mich., and Jim (Lin) Heiser of Omaha, Neb.; and numerous nieces and nephews.
For online condolences, visit op-sahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

Dean “Mike” Blik, 56

Dean “Mike” Blik, 56, of Brandon, died Wednes-day, Jan. 22, 2020. Pri-vate family services will be held at a later date. Survivors include his sis-ters, Sherri Strong and Jackie Blik; nephew, Brian Solem; cous-in, Robert Lyons.
For online condolences, visit heritag-esfsd.com.

Michael Bonciolini, 67

Funeral services for Michael Anthony Bonci-olini, 67, of San Antonio, Texas, will be held Thurs-day, Jan. 30, 2020, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.
He died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 in San Antonio with family at his side.
Mike graduated from Brandon Valley High School in 1970. He is survived by his son, Anthony (Ashley) Bonciolini, and their children, Brianna and Geno, all of Austin, Texas; stepdaughters, Audrey Ro-driguez-Hogberg, San Antonio, and Mindy Rodriguez, Austin; siblings, Paul Bonci-olini, Austin, Lita Bonciolini and Sandra Bonciolini, San Antonio, Diane Boncioli-ni, Washington, D.C., and Dulcy Hooper, Virginia; and extended family and friends.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21
• Suspicious vehicle at E. Cedar St. and E. Lark St., ad-vised.
• Check well-being of sub-ject in 1300 block of E. Sylvan Circle, checked OK, advised.
• Suspicious vehicle in 1100 block of E. Holly Blvd., checked OK, advised.
• Report of a family dispute in 1000 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK, advised.
• Medical emergency in 1000 block of E. Teakwood St., turned over to MED-Star.
• Disorderly telephone calls reported in 1500 block of W. Creekside Dr., advised.
• Assist Splitrock Fire De-partment with a carbon mon-oxide alarm, occurred in coun-ty.
• Two-vehicle accident in 300 block of E. Holly Blvd., \$700.
• Assist Brandon Fire De-partment with an alarm in 100 block of E. Cedar St.
• Stand-by for property pick-up in 1300 block of E. Sylvan Circle.
• Public assist in 1000 block of N. Splitrock Blvd.
• Tagged abandoned vehicle in 400 block of W. Holly Blvd.
• Truancy reported in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd.
• Narcotics violation in 100 block of S. Teton Dr., Bruce James Kooiker, 21, arrested for possession of controlled drug/substance, possession of marijuana, paraphernalia, maintaining a place for drugs, manufacture/distribution of controlled drug, possession with intent to distribute; Pres-ton William Trower, 21, arrest-ed for manufacture/distribution of controlled drug, possession of controlled drug/substance, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia; Dennis Jean Peterson, 24, arrested for possession of controlled drug/ substance, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia;

Lana Michelle Braswell, 21, arrested for posses-sion of controlled drug/ substance, possession of marijuana and parapher-nalia.
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22
• Medical emergency in 1500 block of W. Creekside Circle, turned over to MED-Star.
• Two-vehicle accident in 1800 block of N. Plum Ave., \$3,000.
• Motorist assist at Holly and Sioux boulevards.
• Assist Sheriff’s office with protection order violation, oc-curred in county.
• Disorderly subject in 700 block of E. Holly Blvd., ad-vised.
• Medical emergencies in 200 block of S. Cardinal Dr., 900 block of N. Joslyn Dr. and 500 block of S. Fourth Ave., turned over to MED-Star.
• Two juveniles arrested for possession of marijuana in 200 block of W. Park St.
• Child custody dispute in 1200 block of E. Redwood Blvd., unable to make contact.
• Disorderly telephone call reported in 300 block of S. Second Ave., advised.
• Two-vehicle accident in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., \$1,000.
• Disorderly subject in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., un-der investigation.
• Abigail Christine Dieters, 30, arrested for possession of controlled substance, par-aphernalia and substitution of license plates in 100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd.
THURSDAY, JAN. 23
• Juvenile delinquency re-ported in 100 block of N. Car-dinal Dr., advised.
• Two juvenile delinquencies in 2700 block of E. Palmer St., 400 block of S. Yellowstone Dr., 1000 block of E. Teak-

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wood St. and 1100 block of E. Teakwood St., turned over to MED-Star.
• CHINS reported in 100 block of S. Cardinal Dr.
• Check well-being of sub-jects in 1200 block of E. Red-wood Blvd., unable to make contact.
• Lost child reported in 2000 block of S. Sioux Blvd., locat-ed, checked OK.
• Disorderly telephone calls reported in 300 block of S. Main Ave., advised.
• Runaway reported in 300 block of S. Main Ave., located.
• Child custody dispute in 800 block of S. Parkview Blvd., advised.
• One-vehicle accident re-ported in 2100 block of E. As-pen Blvd.
• Suspicious vehicle in 400 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.
• Motorist assist at W. Holly Blvd. and Heritage Road.
• Check security in 800 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.
• Alexander Dale Hieb, 25, arrested for DUI-1st, exhibition driving at N. Splitrock Blvd. and N. Teton Dr.
FRIDAY, JAN. 24
• Two-vehicle accident in 700 block of E. Holly Blvd., \$200; one driver cited for fol-lowing too closely.
• Found property in 1500 block of E. Sylvan Circle, re-turned to owner.
• Suspicious vehicle in 1300 block of W. Creekside Dr., checked OK.
• Two-vehicle accident in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., \$1,400.
• Check well-being of sub-jects in 1200 block of E. Red-wood Blvd., checked OK.

‘Hometown hero’ honored



Submitted photo

Brandon Valley High School history teacher Jeremy Risty was honored as a “Hometown Hero” at the Jan. 3 Sioux Falls Stampede game. Risty is pictured with the Stam-pede’s Director of Game Day Operations, Cole Ripper-da, who is also a former student. Risty was nominated by BVHS EA Micki Leesch for his involvement at the school, Brandon Historical Society and BV Optimist Club. “Super nice lady!” Risty said, calling the award an “honor.”

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Brandon area property transfers from Jan. 10-24, 2020 on record in the Min-nehaha County Equalization office are as follows. Dollar amounts are rounded.
• 122 W. River Oak Ct., Brandon, from Brandon Ber-ndt and Heather Ault to Taylor M. Hanzel and Mason Blair, \$220,000.
• 801 N. Emerald Dr., Brandon, from Start-to-Fin-ish Builders LLC to Heather Ault and Brandon Berndt, \$382,000.
• 304 S. Oak Ridge Road, Brandon, from Steven D. and Lisa L. Peterson to Justin Waletzko, \$295,000.
• 501 E. Meadowlark Court, Brandon, from Ferd Haber-man Estate (AKA Ferdinand R. Haberman) to Kayla M. Chaussee, \$275,000.
• 700 S. Eighth Ave., Bran-don, from Visual Images Sa-lon LLC to G&B Properties LLC, \$290,000.
• 916 N. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon, from TAM Holdings LLC to Holiday Stationstores LLC, \$1,945,000.
• 486555 253rd St., Garret-son, from Linda K. Bly (FKA Linda K. Hansen and Jon Bly) to James L. and Vonníe L. Hanson, \$500,000.
• 524 N. Maple Ave., Bran-don, from Jon and Etal Tveidt to Gary and Sharyn Klatt, \$229,000.
• 113 E. Maureen Dr., Bran-don, from Donald J. Gohman to Douglas L. Brist, \$177,000.
• 113 S. Cardinal Dr, Bran-don, from James I. Jr. and Delores L. Fuller to Jayne Knochenmus, \$170,000.
• 521 N. Oak Ridge Road, Brandon, from Harvey Enalls Jr. to Kaitlyn and David Baw-don, \$260,000.
• 2805 E. Daybreak Cir-cle, Brandon, from Kenneth R. Coffee (DBA Ken Coffee Homes) to Harvey N. Enalls Jr., \$360,000.

• Tagged abandoned vehicle at N. Railroad Ave. and E. Hemlock Blvd.
• Report of a possi-ble intoxicated driver in 900 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., gone on officer’s arrival, un-able to locate.
• Motorist assists at Splitrock and E. Holly boulevards, E. Sylvan Circle and N. Needles Dr., 700 block of S. McHardy Road.
• Parking violation at N. Needles Dr. and E. Sylvan Cir-cle, tagged.
• Medical emergency in 900 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., turned over to MED-Star.
• Check security in 1000 block of E. Ash St., checked OK.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25
• Motorist assist at E. Red-wood and N. Chestnut boulev-ards.
• Assist Sheriff’s office with checking the well-being of subject, occurred in county.
• Assist Lake County Sher-iff’s office with locating an in-dividual in 100 block of E. Switch Grass Trail.
• Report of a reckless driver at I-90 and N. Splitrock Blvd., unable to locate.
• Check well-being of sub-ject in 200 block of N. Cardinal Dr., checked OK.
• Suspicious vehicles in 100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd. and 700 block of S. McHardy Road, checked OK.
• Assist Sheriff’s office with a protection order violation, occurred in county.

SUNDAY, JAN. 26
• Motorist assists at High-way 11 and Corson St., 1700 block of E. Sylvan Circle.
• Amna Philip Malat, 33, ar-rested for warrant service at Holly and Sioux boulevards.
• Medical emergencies in 1000 block of E. Teakwood St., 100 block of E. Cedar St. and

300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., turned over to MED-Star.
• Public assist in 100 block of S. Sandstone Ave.
• Family dispute in 1300 block of E. Sylvan Circle, all advised.
• Report of possible shoplift-ing in 100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., unfounded.
• Disorderly subject in 900 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., Evan Kelly Kirchen, 30, lodged on parole hold.
MONDAY, JAN. 27
• Tagged abandoned vehi-cle in 1300 block of E. Sylvan Circle.
• Disorderly subjects in 1800 block of S. Mulberry Ave., all advised, sent on way.
• Public assist in 1800 block of S. Mulberry Ave.
• Traffic hazard at E. Aspen Blvd. and S. Fifth Ave., re-moved from roadway.
• Medical emergency in 600 block of E. Willow St., turned over to MED-Star.
• Motorist assist at I-90 and N. Splitrock Blvd.
• Assist Brandon Fire De-partment with a carbon mon-oxide alarm in 900 block of E. Maywood St.
• Vandalism reported in 500 block of S. Fourth Ave., ad-vised.
• Theft reported in 400 block of S. Fifth Ave., under investi-gation.
• Check well-being of sub-ject in 1800 block of W. Ashton Trail, checked OK, advised.
• Warrant service in 1300 block of E. Aspen Blvd., checked OK, advised.

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS
• Stray cat in 1100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd.
• Barking dog in 1200 block of S. Lakota Ave.
• Barking dog in 300 block of S. Country Club Ave.
• Report of a bat in 100 block of E. Ponderosa Circle.

Even teachers continue to learn

BV educators find value in professional development

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

Brandon Valley educators talked about what they say in the classroom and how they say it at a teacher in-service Jan. 20.

The day was dedicated to professional development – specifically, a series of courses from which the teachers could select and a message from keynote speaker Mike Anderson, an educational consultant and author.

“The January teacher in-services are unique because they are traditionally planned by the district’s staff development team,” explained curriculum director Sherri Nelson.

The team consists of one representative from each of BV’s seven schools and a K-12 staff representative.

This in-service was especially unique, Nelson added, because teachers in the Brandon Valley School District were offered two professional development opportunities to meet and discuss Anderson’s book, “What We Say and How We Say It Matters.”

Amy Dulaney is a speech-language pathologist at Brandon Valley Middle School and Valley Springs Elementary.

“The speaker had an interesting perspective on the twist of language and how rewording certain things can give the student ownership,” Dulaney observed.

Anderson’s book references a

three-step process for changing language: set a good goal and have a meaningful rationale, plan concrete strategies for action and feedback and practice and consolidate.

The in-service also included a breakout session in which teachers talked about language habits they’d like to change and practical ways to make the change, then created visual reminders for their classrooms. Reminders were written on notecards and included cues such as “E-Z on the sarcasm” and take the “I” out of “Why?”

At the end of the day, a group of teachers who had been participating in a book study of “What We Say and How We Say It Matters” got to pick the author’s brain. Anderson joined the group in the orchestra room for a Q&A, during which he shared teaching anecdotes, fielded questions and offered constructive criticism and advice on positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) and trends he’d liked to see vanish, like the push toward standardization – often referred to as “teaching to the test” – and underfunding K-12 public education.

Several BV teachers were excited to put Anderson’s suggestions to practice.

“I thought Mike was a good speaker and shared some interesting approaches that I will try in my classroom,” said Dan Canfield, an English and speech teacher at the high school.

Junior kindergarten teacher Nicole Anderson-Gappa agreed.



Jamie Hult/BV Journal

Brandon Valley teachers discuss ways to change language in the classroom during a professional development activity that was part of the Jan. 20 teacher in-service.

BV staff takes part in a classroom Q&A with in-service guest speaker and author Mike Anderson.

“I really enjoyed the presenter and I walked away with strategies to try in my classroom immediately,” she said.

District educators were also given a list of seminars on different topics to choose from, which they attended the courses throughout the day. Topics ranged from making data-driven decisions to disciplining with love, special education and habits of the mind.



Jamie Hult/BV Journal

Elly Schmitz, a microblading technician, opens Arch Addict on Feb. 1.

Arch Addict brings microblading to Brandon

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

Elly Schmitz has been counting down the days until Feb. 1, and it’s no wonder; this Saturday, the newly licensed microblading technician will open her own business, Arch Addict.

The shop opens Saturday along Holly Boulevard, in a suite nestled in with 7th Avenue Hair and Envi Hair Studio.

Microblading is a manual technique of semi-permanent make-up that allows a realistic look when filling sparse eyebrows. With microblading, a kind of tattoo is applied that leaves tiny, natural-looking hair strokes.

Depending on the person’s skin and lifestyle, one micro-

blading application lasts one to three years.

Arch Addict opens Feb. 1 by appointment only and, as of Jan. 24, 18 appointments were already lined up.

Her February special is a \$350 microblading application, which includes a free touch-up.

Schmitz, who also tends bar in Okoboji, Iowa, has been a stay-at-home mom for eight years. She earned her microblading certification in December.

Although she lives just over the Minnesota border in Luverne, she decided to practice in South Dakota because the laws are looser, and it’s where she received her training.

Schmitz studied art in college and considers microblading a form of art, as well as a way to enhance a person’s eyes.

“I’m a person that I look right into people’s eyes when I talk to them, and I think if you have brows that draw you to somebody’s beautiful eyes already, you look at their eyes more,” she said.

Arch Addict
Owner: Elly Schmitz
Address: 308 E. Holly Blvd. Ste. 3
Phone: 507-350-8213 by appt.

Schmitz invested more than 60 hours of training to gain her certification, and the effect continues to impress her.

“Even looking at them after they sit up, I’m like, ‘Wow.’ I’m still just so amazed at how it changes them,” she said.

Sessions last two-and-a-half hours, and customers recline while Schmitz works her magic. She wears gloves and takes precautions to assure that all of her instruments are sterilized.

“I treat everything like it’s a medical appointment,” she said.

Microblading is similar to actual tattooing with a few big differences, she said. First, microblading only punctures the epidermis, and not the deeper layer known as the dermis. Secondly, mi-

croblading doesn’t use an electric pen for most of the procedure. Also, while tattooing uses ink that’s heavily black, Schmitz’s ink is heavy in orange and yellow pigments.

“So, when you do see that fading, it fades to a brown instead of a grey,” she explained. “There are a lot of daily care mechanisms and things you can do to help preserve them.”

Schmitz also offers a \$50 referral rebate. She’s booking appointments at 507-350-8213 and welcomes calls and texts. Photos of her work can be viewed on her Facebook page @ ArchAddict.Elly.

Schmitz hopes to establish permanent hours down the road, but is operating by appointment only in the beginning to give herself a chance to arrange child care. She has two boys, ages 8 and 6.

“Since I was certified in South Dakota, I decided I’d just stay here for a while and see where it takes me,” she added. “I’m excited.”

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sic, athlete, politician, actor dies you will see people respond in a very emotional way. Some folks might be skeptical about that. Was this person more important than a teacher who died of cancer, a soldier who died in combat, a community leader who was killed in a car crash? No, of course not and no one is claiming they are.

But those people who we watch play a game we love, make a movie that moves us, a song that heals us, a speech that inspires us become a part of U.S. They become a part of our story and what happens then when they die suddenly is that it reminds us of that

same mortal reality that is always present around us.

So, Kobe’s death breaks into my life in the sense that he was father spending time with his daughter, a guy traveling with friends, a person who had been part of moments of my life even as someone handing my team another loss.

And as people of faith, what we need to remember is that these moments when our hearts are opened to the pain of someone else’s story are moments that God can use to remind us to walk with the people closest to us in their times of need.

Galatians 6:2 says, “Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill

the law of Christ.” Whether the death of Kobe hit you emotionally or not, remember that we all experience places of pain and moments of loss. Sit with those friends who are in the depths of recent loss. Check in on the people whose grief may be old, but it is still present and painful. Walk with each other in love and remember that our stories are connected by the God who made each of us.

Deal lovingly and gently with each other. Meet others in their stories with the same love that Christ gives to you. Life is too short to do otherwise.

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Addiction Care Center opening late fall
and Human Performance Center early winter.

SECOG helps drive revenue to county coffers

Dave Baumeister
County correspondent

SIOUX FALLS – One of the better returns on taxpayer dollars invested by Minnehaha County comes from its association with the Southeastern Council of Governments.

According to a presentation by Lynn Keller Forbes of SECOG, in 2019, the county received over \$70 million in grants and loans through the work of her organization for the \$152,000 it paid in dues to belong.

Overall, Forbes said, the average return to local governing bodies is \$294.92 for every \$1 spent.

The SECOG website says its mission is to serve over 40 municipalities in Clay, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner and Union counties.

Every year, to help with budget preparations, organizations receiving money from the county make presentations on what their groups are accomplishing.

Forbes gave her SECOG briefing at the Tuesday, Jan. 21, Minnehaha County Commission meeting.

Through a variety of slides, she showed how SECOG helps enti-



Dave Baumeister/For the Journal

Newly appointed Minnehaha State's Attorney Crystal Johnson thanks county commissioners during the Jan. 21 meeting. Johnson was originally named as interim state's attorney to replace Aaron McGowan in December, and commissioners made that appointment permanent until the next election in November.

ties with grants, loans and planning for water projects, transportation, planning and zoning, among other things.

One of the more recent projects that has been in the news, which SECOG is providing assistance to, is the Maple/Park Street corridor

between Brandon and Sioux Falls.

Another function of SECOG that Forbes told commissioners about is their work in selling the "Governor's Houses" made by inmates at Mike Dufree State Prison in Springfield.

Another small piece of business

at the meeting, which also tied into the county's legislative agenda, was the approval of a contract with Testpoint Paramedical LLC to conduct on-call blood draws.

These draws are connected to alcohol abuse and related offenses, and that is why the county is closely watching – and lobbying – for a hopeful bill from District 9 State Senator Wayne Steinhauer to allow counties to implement a "bed, board and booze," or entertainment, tax.

In a letter from County Administrative Assistant Craig Dewey, he wrote that as the registered lobbyist for Minnehaha County, he was in Pierre on Jan. 21 working with Steinhauer helping to gather co-sponsors for the legislation.

Commissioner Jeff Barth said there is a need for the county to be able to tax alcohol to raise revenue for alcohol-related expenses, such as the aforementioned blood draws.

Although announced prior to Tuesday's meeting, Commissioners made the appointment of Crystal Johnson as Minnehaha County State's Attorney official, replacing Aaron McGowan after he resigned in December.

Johnson, who has had a role in that office since 2005, was named as McGowan's interim replacement by Second Judicial Circuit Presiding Judge Robin Houwman.

As the "permanent replacement," she will serve as state's attorney until the next election, which is this coming November.

On Friday, Jan. 10, several candidates for the position of state's attorney were interviewed, but at that time, commissioners opted to stay with Johnson.

Following her unanimous appointment, Johnson spoke briefly on the work being done by the state's attorney's office.

"I look forward to moving that office forward," she said. "Last week we got convictions at a homicide trial and a violation of a protection order trial. We continue to work hard, and I thank you for the opportunity of leading that office."

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.

Alissa Kuhn joins UNLV dance staff

Brandon native **Alissa Kuhn** has joined the staff of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas dance department staff.

Kuhn is a dancer, performer and teacher in Las Vegas. Born and raised in Brandon, she began training in dance and cheerleading at a young age. After dancing and choreographing both competitively and creatively, she is now a graduate of UNLV with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Performance/Choreography, as well as a DK Body Balancing Pilates certified instructor.

While in school, she worked with renowned artists such as Melanie Martinez, Miguel Perez and Alexandra Yonkovich.

Kuhn has spent ample time in Las Vegas and abroad, fueling her passion by participating in performances and events like Carmina Burana at the Las Vegas Smit Center, the International Association for Blacks in Dance in Los Angeles, the 59th Internationales Kieler Gymnas-tiktreffen in Germany, and the 19th IDCH in Athens, Greece.

In 2019, Kuhn made Las Vegas her permanent home where she has accepted var-



Alissa Kuhn

ious positions teaching hot, reformer and traditional mat pilates. She is also professionally dancing with Celestia, at the Strat hotel.

Fall BVHS athletics, fine arts recognized for academic excellence

Initiated during the 1996-97 school year, the South Dakota High School Activities Association Academic Achievement Team Award program is designed to recognize varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups for their academic excellence. The South Dakota High School Activities Association believes that high school students learn in two distinct ways; inside the classroom

and outside the classroom – on the stage and/or athletic field. This academic program creates a positive environment for school teams to have its members excel in the classroom. This program is also meant to motivate students toward academic excellence and to promote academic encouragement from teammates.

All varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups that achieve a combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher are eligible to receive the SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award.

Brandon Valley High School was recognized for team- and program-wide academic achievements during their fall seasons. The programs include the competitive dance and cheer teams, girls' and boys' soccer, volleyball and football, girls' and boys' cross country teams, football cheerleaders, boys golf, girls tennis oral interpretation, all-state orchestra and all-state chorus.

Dakota State 2019 Fall Honors List Released

A total of 563 full-time and 169 part-time students qualified for the President's Academic Honors list for the 2019 fall semester at

Dakota State University in Madison.

The following full-time students achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 to qualify for the honors list: Brandon – **Max Allmon, Megan Bassett, Autumn Driscoll, Cameron Gervac, Briana Grage, Ryan Kaler, Jamie Procida, Mason Rusten, Jordynn Schumacher, Jordan Van Ooort**; Garretson – **Wyatt Baum**.

Part-time students from the *Brandon Valley Journal* coverage area are: Brandon – **Althea Alexandra Ascalon, Sarah Miller, Katherine Schuck**; Garretson – **Mara VanDeBerg**.

USD Fall Dean's, Academic Honors lists released

More than 2,300 students at the University of South Dakota are being honored for their high achievement during the Fall 2019 semester with the release of the Dean's List and Academic Honors.

Full-time, undergraduate students are named to the Dean's List if they received a 3.5 GPA for courses they took in the Fall 2019 semester, and they had no incomplete or failing grades. For part-time students, those

with fewer than 12 credit hours, the recognition is called Academic Honors.

Students from the area named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List are: Brandon – **Aubree Andrews, Nathan Bachman, Matthew Bengtson, Cortney Bickley, Krista Bickley, Jeanna Brandsrud, Jason Crumb, Kailee Duncanson, Alyssa Fick, Jacob Frantzen, Taylor Freeman, Kelsey Frost, Taylor Gannon, Nicholas Hanson, Carter Haug, Andrew Holmes, Kate Huntimer, Ezekiel Klosterman, Emily Klugin, Emily Knouse, Alex Kolbeck, Ruth Kreutner, Claudia Martin, Carissa McMahon, Jason Mills, Jennifer Nelson, Tyson Newton, Morgan Palmer, Hailey Pieper, Sydnee Pottebaum, Alyssa Reinschmidt, Desiree Rohrbach, Levi Rustand, Levi Sternburg, Andrew Taverna, Marlie TeKrony, Kiana Thelen, Kane Tigner, Landen Van Hulzen, Ginger Wardlow**; Garretson – **Kyrstyn Beck, Nathan Popp, Noah Rieber, Rebecca Weiland**.

Named to the Academic Honors List are: Brandon – **Mentor Addicks, Rachel Braun, Rachael Gaertner, James Garrett, Tanner**

Wehrkamp; Valley Springs – **Tasha Joseph**.

BV students achieve academic success at Northwestern

Local Northwestern College students have earned a spot on the Academic Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester. The Dean's List is comprised of students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.50 or above while carrying a minimum of 12 graded hours. This semester, 428 students qualified for the Dean's List. Students who earned a GPA of 3.75 or higher are considered Collegiate Scholars, designated with an asterisk. Of the 263 Collegiate Scholars, 84 of them maintained a perfect 4.0 average and are recognized with a pound sign.

Local students on the Dean's List are: Brandon – **Dustin Kemner**, sophomore actuarial science major; **Dylan Kirkeby**, freshman mathematics and statistics major; **Hannah Paauw**, senior biology-health professions and psychology majors; Valley Springs – **Riley Bennett**, senior exercise major; and **Ryan Sjaarda**, freshman actuarial science and religion major.

Journey with the Journal

A delegation of Midwest Railcar Repair management took the *Brandon Valley Journal* on a Caribbean cruise Jan. 10–16. The group reports the cruise was a great excursion and a nice break from winter. If you're venturing out like the Midwest Railcar Repair gang – whether near or far – always remember to pack your hometown newspaper, the *Brandon Valley Journal* and take us along for the ride!

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Ag secretary, lawmakers seek next crop of farmers

Dana Hess
Community News Service

PIERRE — Passing South Dakota’s farms on to a new generation won’t be easy. That was evident the morning of Jan. 23 as S.D. Agriculture Secretary Kim Vanneman discussed her goals with the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

Vanneman told the committee that one of her goals as secretary was to plan for the next genera-

tion of farmers. Working toward that goal would include a series of meetings with young people to tell them about careers in agriculture, Vanneman said.

Rep. Bob Glanzer, R-Huron, told the secretary that bankers are concerned about the future of farms in his area where some farmers have no future generation waiting to take over.

“This seems like a big, big obstacle to me,” said Glanzer, a former ag loan officer. “Where do you see

that next generation coming from?”

Facilitating the transfer of assets from the farm owner to a buyer is not within in the scope of the Agriculture Department’s duties, Vanneman said.

“It does need to happen,” Vanneman said. “We’re seeing fewer and fewer young people coming back to the farm.”

Rep. James Wangness, R-Miller, asked if the department has considered a mentor program to match retiring farmers with the next gen-

eration. Wangness said that while he was attending South Dakota State University, many of his classmates would have liked to go back to their family farms, but often those operations were too small.

Vanneman said there have been discussions within the department about a mentor program, but she wondered how involved farmers would want the department to get in a transfer of property.

They might not like “us being in the middle,” Vanneman said. “It’s

part of what we’re talking about.”

The state of farming in South Dakota was noted in a slide Vanneman presented during her annual overview of the department for the agriculture committee. Before lenders foreclose on a farm, they must file for mediation with the agriculture department. Since 2015, there has been a steady increase in mediation requests.

“This is an indicator of where we are,” Vanneman said.

Pizza Ranch keeps promise



Submitted photo

The Brandon Pizza Ranch made good on their reward promise last week. Pizza Ranch general manager Preston Plautz (left) and owner Aaron Hansen dropped presented rewards to Dustin Wagner (not pictured) for finding the Pizza Ranch’s delivery vehicle that was stolen Jan. 17 during the blizzard. The local Pizza Ranch staff also donated free buffet and free pizza coupons to the Brandon Valley School District’s backpack program to help those in need. They are pictured with Susan Foster, principal of Fred Assam Elementary.

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“He said he was seriously considering giving his 90-day notice to discontinue service to Brandon,” Kull said.

Kull, who retired after 10 years as Brandon’s chief of police, said he’d witnessed Masur’s service in action. “There were multiple ambulances and they responded in a timely fashion to a single call, and that’s fairly remarkable in a city of 10,000,” he said. “Realistically, someday we will probably find ourselves without a MED-Star-type entity located in our community. Businesses of this nature are bought out or the owners retire and close down shop. When that occurs, I do believe that we will be settling for a lot less.”

The city currently pays MED-Star a \$49,999 annual stand-by fee.

Alderwoman Vickie David said the city needs to have a good back-up plan in place for its citizens. Paramedics Plus, Kull said, is Brandon’s EMS back-up plan.

“After that, we’d have to take a look at something new,” he said, adding that costs would most likely skyrocket because EMS in Brandon “doesn’t cash flow.”

The city’s contract with MED-Star requires the EMS provider to staff one ambulance, 24/7, 365 days per year. Masur said his company has done that – and more. There have been occasions, he said, where more than one ambulance is out responding to a call when a second call comes in. Masur said it’s not good business practice to have a paramedic sitting idle, as it is a cost his for-profit businesses have had

to absorb.

“I’ve gone way above anything that I’m required to do,” he said.

At the same time the city was amending its ambulance ordinance, Minnehaha County has lowered its standards, which Masur views as the lowest required in the country.

“They (city) wants me to be higher than any other ambulance service in the country. I want to be there too, and I feel like I am,” he said. “But I can be put in a spot to where I can’t meet that every single day of the week. I am here to follow the law and if they make that law, I can’t follow it. I am here to serve the people, which I’ve been doing my whole life, and that’s why I fought so hard to get in here is to serve the people.”

Welcome to the BVACC, Schwan’s!



Jill Meier/BV Journal

In an effort to get more involved in Brandon, the Schwan’s leadership team at the Sioux Falls depot signed on as members of the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce. BVACC members ventured to the depot Friday for the celebratory ribbon cutting. Pictured are (*from left*): BVACC CEO/president Rachel Neiman, chamber members Chris Limmer, Brian Wills, Harry Buck, Lucas Bade, Schwan’s assistant manager, Chris Sutter of Optimal Prime Service, Lee holt, assistant manager, Chamber board chairman Chuch Parsons, Nathan Hoyt, area manager, and BVACC members Paul VanDeBerg and Jay Buchholz.

BRANDON VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Students at Brandon Valley Middle School who “earned the grade in the second semester of the 2019-20 school year and achieved A or B honor roll are as follows:

A HONOR ROLL

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A HONOR ROLL

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Stadem nominated for national COTY

Jill Meier
Journal editor

The nation is about to know what Brandon Valley has known all along: Mark Stadem is a coach of “national coach of the year” caliber.

Stadem, who guided the Lady Lynx to the 2019 AA state title, is South Dakota’s 2020 Girls’ Basketball Coach of Year finalist for national honor. To be considered for this award, the nominee must possess an outstanding coaching longevity and win-loss record, championship years, awards received and service to the coaching professional and to South Dakota athletes.



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Mark Stadem is a finalist for the National Girls’ Basketball Coach of the Year. The announcement will be made this July.

After 22 years at the helm of the Lady Lynx, Stadem retired from coaching following the 2019 season. “It was time. And they understand,” he said.

During his 22 seasons, Stadem racked up 276 victories and 228 losses. He also led the Lady Lynx to two state championships, the first in 2011 and of course, capping off the 2018-19 season with the AA’s top prize. Along with the state titles, his teams at BV have won countless Eastern South Dakota Conference titles and accolades.

Stadem and the other finalists will be honored July 23 at the National Awards Banquet during the 55th annual NHSACA Conference in Lincoln, Neb. This annual event is attended by athletic directors and coaches in 19 sports from throughout the United States.

In addition to Stadem, the other 2020 Coach of the Year finalists from South Dakota are: Jason Bohl, Garretson High School, girls’ cross country; Tom Culver, Avon High School, football; Scott Schultz, Bridgewater-Emery High School, boys’ basketball; Kari Jung, Warner High School, volleyball; Dan Mitchell, Yankton High School assistant in boys’ sports; and Kerry Beyer, Rapid City Stevens High School assistant in girls’ sports.

Cal Corey of Sturgis and Connie Nyhaug of Viborg will also be inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame on Tuesday, July 21.

Brandon Valley wrestlers fall to Pierre by two points

Staff report

It came down to bonus points, and Brandon Valley fell short by a mere two points in a heads-up home dual Jan. 21 against a well-rehearsed the Pierre Governors squad.

The Lynx and Gavs both won seven matches apiece, but Pierre ultimately claimed the 31-29 Eastern South Dakota Conference victory.

“It was a hard fought dual,” said BV coach Derek Outland. “Pierre was able to score more bonus points in their wins and won the dual because of it. They wrestled well – hats off to them.”

The Lynx ruled the lighter weight brackets, getting off to a strong start with back-to-back wins secured by BV’s freshmen twins, Trason Oehme (106) and Jordon Oehme (113).

Trason took charge of his match, a 6-1 decision over Blake Judson, while Jordon registered a 4-2 win by deci-

sion over Trey Lewis. Then came the lull.

Pierre took the next four weight classes – 120 to 138 – before junior Isaac Klinkhammer (152) got the Lynx back on track with a 3-2 decision over Jack Van Camp.

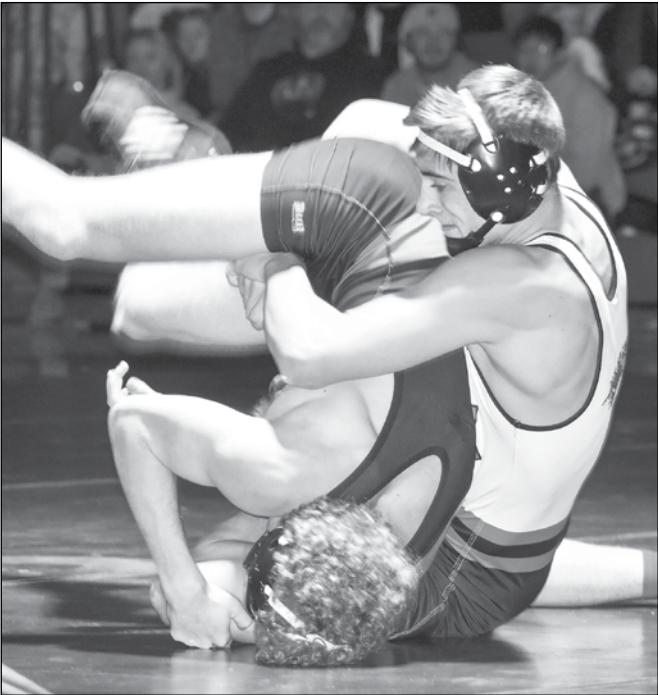
BV’s Jack Smith (160), Kobi Terpstra (170) and Damion Schunke (182) kept the momentum going, and Lynx eighth-grader Navarro Schunke (220) registered a pin against Jacob Larson, shouldering the Governor wrestler at the 2-minute, 15-second mark.

In the end, heavyweight Sam Lembcke (285) lost by pin to Preston Taylor in a 1:08.

The team loss, Outland said, serves as a mid-season eye-opener.

“We’ll use this as motivation and to learn from for the future,” the coach said.

BV’s matmen head to the Brookings Invitational Saturday, with wrestling action



Jamie Hult/BV Journal

Isaac Klinkhammer (152 pounds) wrestles Pierre’s Jack Van Camp in a home dual last week.

getting underway at 9 a.m. The team will host Sioux Falls Roosevelt and Washington in their final home matches of the season Monday, Feb. 3 starting at 5 p.m. Senior wrestlers on the roster will be recognized that night.

BV 29, Pierre 31
106: Trason Oehme (BV) dec. Blake Judson 6-1. **113:** Jordon Oehme (BV) dec. Trey Lewis 4-2. **120:** Kahlor Hindman (P) md. Jesse Johnson 13-5.

126: Deegan Houska (P) dec. Caleb Klatt 3-1. **132:** Hayden Shaffer (P) p. Teygan Harstad 4:46. **138:** Tyson Johnson (P) dec. Cayden Langenhorst 5-0. **145:** Cade Hinkle (P) p. Greyson Bortnem 1:21. **152:** Isaac Klinkhammer (BV) dec. Jack Van Camp 3-2. **160:** Jack Smith (BV) p. Jaret Clarke 1:47. **170:** Kobi Terpstra (BV) dec. Maguire Raske 2-0. **182:** Damion Schunke (BV) over Gavin Stotts TF 20-5 5:27. **195:** Regan Bollweg (P) dec. Dominic Tucker 5-1. **220:** Navarro Schunke (BV) p. Jacob Larson 2:15. **285:** Preston Taylor (P) p. Sam Lembcke 1:08.

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Lloyd churns out 23 points against Brookings

Jill Meier
 Journal editor

For 32 minutes, Brookings endured the backlash from Brandon Valley’s Jan. 16 road loss to Watertown, and the beating, well, it was a bit brutal on the Bobcats. The Lynx boys fine-tuned their perimeter game, canning 10-of-27 tre’s en route to the 75-34 ending Thursday night in Brandon.

“Last night was a night where everything seemed easy,” said BV head coach Brent Deckert, who allotted minutes to every player on the Lynx bench. “Since the Watertown game, we’ve been a bit more focused and intense at practice. There’s no such thing as a good loss, but if helps our team refocus, then it’s a good thing for this team.”

Junior reserve Aydin Lloyd was primed for play Thursday. He came off the bench and burned up the nets for 23 points behind five 3-pointers, two buckets and a 2-for-2 performance at the free throw line.

“Aydin has been good all year off the bench for us, so good that we took all of his JV minutes away and have him just play varsity,” Deckert said.

Brookings got off to a competitive start, dropping in two 3’s for their only points of the quarter and only lead of the night. In the



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Aydin Lloyd came off the bench and scored a team-high 23 points in Brandon Valley’s 75-34 win over Brookings last week. The Lynx boys play three games this week.

meantime, the Lynx were fueled by a trio of points from Joe Kolbeck, four points from Gavin Terhark, a couple by Jackson Hilton and six from Lloyd, which added up to a 15-6 lead after

a quarter of play. Terhark was a scoring factor for the Lynx early in the second, pumping in the first six points. After going scoreless for almost eight minutes, Karter Kruit

plugged in for two for the Bobcats to make it 20-8 game with 6:30 to play in the half. Following contributions from Kolbeck (3-pointer) and a bucket from Jaxon LaBrie, BV and Brookings traded possessions multiple times before Kruit snagged one from long range to make it 27-12. The Lynx reeled off the next six points, which were answered by a pair of free throws before Lloyd

launched one from the outside. Jay Jurgens closed out the half with a reverse lay-up to give BV the 38-15 advantage at the break.

LaBrie had the hot hand to start the third, popping in back to back 3’s. BV also got baskets from Hilton, Kolbeck and Scholten before Lloyd reeled off eight points and grabbed an offensive rebound and dished it to Jurgens for the 65-28 score at the end of the third.

Lloyd found the hoop from long range one more time to start the fourth. A highlight of the quarter was Cole Sylliaasen’s timely run along the baseline, where he grabbed the rebound and threw it up to elevate BV’s 70-29 lead. Scoring was scattered the rest of the way, with the Lynx getting production from Hunter Marso (3-pointer), and free throws from Jurgens and Carter Van Heel. The Bobcats closed out the night with an assortment of free throws, and a basket by Jada Kuchlong.

Despite charting 37 percent beyond the arc (10-27), Brookings’ defense dictated what BV could do.

“We made a bunch of 3’s because Brookings plays zone and has heavy gap pressure,” Deckert said. “Brookings was able to take away our penetration and some of our inside game, but the next available perimeter shot was normally open and we knocked a few in.”

BV’s hustle was evident in the rebounding numbers – 36 in all. Leading the charge was Payton Tietjen with eight, Terhark with

seven, and four apiece from Lloyd and Jurgens. Jaksen Deckert and Sylliaasen both helped out with three.

Deckert dished off five of BV’s 18 total assists; Kolbeck and Thomas Scholten accounted for four and three, respectively. Jurgens had BV’s lone block and the Lynx turned the ball over just six times.

The Lynx boys are in the midst of a three-game week, which started with Tuesday’s home game against rival Sioux Falls Washington. On Friday, Aberdeen Central pays a visit to the Lynx gym at 7 p.m. and the team wraps up the week Saturday afternoon at O’Gorman, tipping off at 3 p.m.

“This week will be a fun week,” Deckert says of the schedule. “We’ve been able to settle in and get some valuable practice time in, but this group loves to compete. Three games in one week is hard, but when you add the likes of SFW, Aberdeen and O’G, it brings a whole different flavor. It will be a great test for our guys.”

Brookings 6 15 28 34
 Brandon Valley 15 38 65 75

Brandon Valley (2PFG, 3PFG, FT, TP): Dawson Johnson 0-1 0-0 0-0 0; Jaxon LaBrie 1-1 2-5 0-0 8; Jaksen Deckert 0-3 0-3 1-2 1; Cole Sylliaasen 1-1 0-3 0-0 2; Thomas Scholten 2-2 0-0 0-0 4; Joe Kolbeck 1-1 2-3 1-1 9; Hunter Marso 0-0 1-2 0-0 3; Aydin Lloyd 3-8 5-8 2-2 23; Payton Tietjen 0-2 0-0 0-2 0; Jackson Hilton 3-5 0-1 0-2 8; Gavin Terhark 4-8 0-2 3-3 11; Jay Jurgens 2-3 0-0 1-2 5; Carter VanHeel 0-1 0-0 1-2 1. **Totals:** 17-36 10-27 11-16 75.

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League competed Jan. 21 with the following results: High Team Game & Series, JSA Engineers/Land Surveyors, 879 and 2,483; High Individual Game, Jill Reindl, 177; High Individual Series, Bonnie Kramer, 498.

Joann Gundvaldson picked up the 2-7-8 split; Marlene Blum picked up the 3-10 and 4-7-10 splits; and Darlene Hofer picked up the 4-5 split.

2021 Class AA girls state hoops tourney to be played at Sanford Pentagon

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S.D. Prep Media Basketball Polls
Class AA Boys
 1. Yankton (14) 9-2 94 1
 2. O’Gorman (6) 9-2 83 3
 3. Brandon Valley 8-2 59 4
 4. Roosevelt 8-3 33 5
 5. Huron 7-2 28 2
RV: Lincoln 3.
Class AA Girls
 1. O’Gorman (20) 10-0 100 1
 2. Harrisburg 11-0 71 3
 3. Stevens 11-1 69 2
 4. Lincoln 7-2 40 4
 5. Roosevelt 5-5 15 RV
RV: Washington 5.

Splitrock Ladies League results
 The Splitrock Ladies

AA girls) next March following approval Jan. 22 by the South Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors.

With the AA and A tournaments no longer being combined after 2020, the board needed to decide on new facilities for next season. Watertown will host A, while the Class B tourney will remain in Huron.

All three tournaments are scheduled for March 11-13.

The boys tournament sites remain unchanged: AA will be played in Rapid City, A in Sioux Falls and B in Aberdeen.

36TH Annual Ed Polzine Cancer Fund

To donate auction items or wild game, contact Harry Buck at 366-0221, Todd Geerdes at 553-2786 or Jill Meier at 321-8423.

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Lynx go unscathed at competitive East-West Duals

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

Brandon Valley took down defending state champion Rapid City Stevens and went 4-0 against some of Class A’s top high school wrestling programs at the East-West Duals Jan. 25 in Pierre.

“The East-West duals are the toughest regular season dual competition of the regular season,” said coach Derek Outland. “Our guys showed a lot of heart and toughness throughout the day.”

BV’s biggest prize was overcoming Stevens. And the victory came down to the final match, where Sam Lembcke solidified the 39-33 win with a pin.

Trason Oehme, ranked second in the state at 106, defeated the top-ranked Jack Schoenhard in the first match of the dual.

“That got us off to a good start,” Outland said.

BV fell behind again, but the Lynx upper weights made a strong finish, as BV final four in the lineup (182-heavyweight), won by pin.

Against Sturgis, the Lynx came out sluggish and got behind early, 26-3 before staging the comeback. Once again, Lembcke earned a

pin at heavyweight to complete the turnaround.

BV also defeated a strong RC Central team 39-28, and again were aided by four straight wins in the upper weights.

The Lynx finished out the day in control, defeating Spearfish 52-23.

“There were a lot of positives from a team and individual perspective,” Outland noted.

Trason Oehme and Lembcke went undefeated on the day, as did Isaac Klinkhammer (152), Damion Schunke (182) and Navarro Schunke (220).

Harrisburg, Mitchell, Pierre, Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Watertown and Yankton also competed on the Lynx mats.

“We still have five weeks until the state tournament and lots of areas where we need to continue improving as a team,” Outland said.

BV competes at the Brookings Invite this Saturday and hosts its final matches of the season starting at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, when both Sioux Falls Roosevelt and Washington pay a visit to the Lynx mats.

East vs West Duals
BV 32, Sturgis Brown 29
106: Trason Oehme (BV) dec. Evan Osborn 7-5; **113:** Kaden Olson (Stur) dec. Jordon Oehme



Diann Terpstra/For the Journal

BV wrestlers whoop it up on the sidelines as Lynx heavyweight Sam Lembcke is about to secure a pin – and the team victory – over top-ranked Rapid City Stevens Saturday at the East-West Duals.

7-3; **120:** Maverick Simons (Stur) tf. Sawyer Linn 17-0; **126:** Kelton Olson (Stur) tf. Caleb Klatt 18-3; **132:** Logan DeSersa (Stur) md. Teygan Harstad 12-2; **138:** Perry Ketelsen (Stur) md. Cayden Langenhorst 9-1; **145:** Harrison Good (Stur) TF Greyson Bortnem 15-0; **152:** Isaac Klinkhammer (BV) dec. Brett Konst 7-2; **160:** Jack Smith (BV) p. Wren Jacobs 0:29; **170:** Reese Jacobs (Stur) dec. Kobi Terpstra 6-3; **182:** Damion Schunke (BV) p. Robert Merwin 1:11; **195:** Dominic Tucker (BV) dec. Clayton Smith 7-3; **220:** Navarro Schunke (BV) p. Zak Juelfs 0:58; **285:** Sam Lembcke (BV) p. Cody Nelson 0:57.

BV 39, RCC 28
106: T. Oehme (BV) p. Riley

Schmidt 0:40; **113:** J. Oehme (BV) dec. Steven Permann 6-1; **120:** Cael Larson (RCC) p. S. Linn 0:30; **126:** Zack Soderlin (RCC) md. C. Klatt 16-5; **132:** Dakota Reynolds (RCC) dec. C. Langenhorst 6-4; **138:** Kady Kraye (RCC) p. T. Harstad 1:55; **145:** TJ Morrison (RCC) p. G. Bortnem 1:31; **152:** I. Klinkhammer (BV) md. Brayden Burrus 14-6; **160:** J. Smith (BV) dec. Landin Winter 4-0; **170:** Wyatt Jungclaus (RCC) dec. K. Terpstra 8-6; **182:** D. Schunke (BV) by forfeit; **195:** D. Tucker (BV) p. Jon DeRuyter 1:20; **220:** N. Schunke (BV) p. Jackson Witte 1:29; **285:** S. Lembcke (BV) p. Dawson Miller 0:51.

BV 39, RCS 33
106: T. Oehme (BV) dec. Jack

Schoenhard 3-1; **113:** J. Oehme (BV) p. Caleb Richter 3:56; **120:** Alisha Van Scoy (RCS) p. S. Linn 2:31; **126:** Darien Malone (RCS) p. C. Klatt 4:42; **132:** Corter Doney (RCS) dec. T. Harstad 4-0; **138:** Declan Malone (RCS) p. C. Langenhorst 3:22; **145:** Tyler Voorhees (RCS) p. G. Bortnem 1:08; **152:** I. Klinkhammer (BV) p. Tanner VanScoy 1:12; **160:** Cooper Voorhees (RCS) dec. J. Smith 9-3; **170:** Caleb Brink (RCS) dec. K. Terpstra 8-2; **182:** D. Schunke (BV) p. True Synhorst 1:16; **195:** D. Tucker (BV) p. Dominick Rubio 4:10; **220:** N. Schunke (BV) p. Ryan Brink 3:35; **285:** S. Lembcke (BV) p. Eli Huot 1:20.

BV 52, Spearfish 23
106: T. Oehme (BV) md. Josh Hoffman 13-4; **113:** J. Oehme (BV) p. John Jeffery 1:56; **120:** S. Linn (BV) p. Mason Schmitz 0:32; **126:** Clayton Donovan (Spear) md. C. Klatt 16-3; **132:** Oakley Blakeman (Spear) p. Cayden Langenhorst 1:55; **138:** Max Sailor (Spear) p. T. Harstad 1:20; **145:** Cole Hansen (Spear) md. G. Bortnem 14-0; **152:** I. Klinkhammer (BV) by forfeit; **160:** J. Smith (BV) p. Dylan Irion 0:19; **170:** K. Terpstra (BV) by forfeit; **182:** D. Schunke (BV) by forfeit; **195:** Elijah Zuniga (Spear) dec. D. Tucker 7-0; **220:** N. Schunke (BV) p. Evan Hehr (Spear) 3:03; **285:** S. Lembcke (BV) by forfeit.

SFL pulls away from BV girls in second half to net 68-53 win

Jill Meier
Journal editor

A three-game week took its toll on the Lady Lynx Saturday, as Sioux Falls Lincoln (7-2) posted a 68-53 win. Brandon Valley kept pace with the Patriots through the majority of the first half until the Pats pulled away in the third and fourth quarters.

“I’m very proud of our effort and energy going in to a hostile environment at the end of a very long week, against a really quality opponent,” BV head coach Mike Zerr said.

BV’s first-quarter scoring production came from Mara Schaap, Emma Jarovski and Hannah Behrens. The trio combined for 11 points, while Lincoln’s 14 points were delivered by Jaydyn Fikse, Emma Osmundson and Morgan Hansen.

BV got scoring from a variety of sources in the second stanza with Hilary Behrens accounting for eight of BV’s 11 points. Hansen continued to be a factor for Lincoln, scoring eight of their 14 second-quarter points. At the half, Lincoln owned a slight 30-24 lead.

BV hung tough with Lincoln in the opening minutes of the third. After Schaap popped in a 3-pointer for the Lynx, Lincoln went on an 8-2 through the midway point of the quarter. Hansen and Fikse continued to cause the Lynx defense issues, and by the end of three, the Pats widened the spread, 48-38.

Schaap trimmed it to eight with a pair of free throws in fourth, but Hansen answered with back-to-back buckets. With a little over two minutes to play,

the Lynx were forced to put Lincoln at the free throw line, where they converted 9 of 10.

For the second consecutive game, Schaap was a top point producer. Zerr says that’s the way it should be.

“Mara has taken an offensive leadership role and it’s been good to see the ball go through the hoop for her,” he said. “Our team as a whole has done a much better job of getting to the rim and the foul line; we just need to capitalize on those things when we do. We had a couple of defensive lapses within our plan at key times, similar to Harrisburg Tuesday. We have to elim-

inate those mistakes when those situations present themselves if we are going to come out of these games with wins against the best our state has to offer. Give Lincoln credit, they have a very talented team and they forced us into some of those mistakes we made.”

Hannah Behrens clamped onto eight of BV’s 29 rebounds. Sidney Thue aided with six and Foss had five. Bradfield handed off five assists and Jarovksi had three. As a team, BV had 16 assists and five steals. Both Jarovski and Hilary Behrens picked off a pair. The Lynx turned the ball over 12 times.

Now at the halfway point of the season, Zerr said his team’s record does not define them.

“This is a group that measures themselves against the best, has won a lot in their lives and hates losing more than they love winning. We have to turn that hate of losing into what drives us to be better. We have a really tough, coachable basketball team that continues to prove that each time they take the floor, and if we continue our current pace, this team will continue to be a force to be reckoned with going forward.”

Coming off a week of practice, the Lynx (5-6)

travel to Aberdeen Central (5-4) Friday and host undefeated O’Gorman next Tuesday. Both games tip off at 7 p.m.

Brandon Valley 13 24 38 53
SF Lincoln 16 30 48 68

Brandon Valley (@PFG, 3PFG, FT, TP): Kennedy Nuebel 1-1 0-0 0-0 2; India Bradfield 0-5 0-0 3-4 3; Mara Schaap 2-6 2-3 4-4 14; Kylie Foss 1-2 0-0 1-2 3; Emma

Jarovski 3-6 0-2 1-7 7; Hilary Behrens 4-7 1-2 3-3 14; Olivia Klumper 0-2 0-0 1-2 1; Hannah Behrens 3-7 0-2 1-2 7; Sidney Thue 1-3 0-0 0-1 2.

Totals: 15-39 3-9 14-25 53.

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BV girls challenge undefeated Harrisburg

Jill Meier
Journal editor

For two quarters of play against Harrisburg, the Lady Lynx matched wits with one of Class AA's best last week. The Tigers, one of three undefeated AA teams, opened and closed with strong performances to hand Brandon Valley a 68-53 loss.

"Talk about a game of runs and momentum," Lynx coach Mike Zerr said. "I thought our girls did a great job adjusting to the speed of the game. Harrisburg is undefeated on the year for a reason; they are a great basketball team and for 24 minutes we really hung tough with them."

In the first quarter, Aby Phipps was a scoring machine for the Tigers, netting all but six of Harrisburg's 17 first-quarter points. BV's five points were largely generated by Hilary Behrens, who had two early buckets and a free throw by Mara Schaap. At the end of one, Harrisburg was well in charge of the 17-5 contest.

BV implemented their pressure defense in the second quarter, and the effort paid dividends, as the Lynx out-scored their guests 15-11. Hannah Behrens picked up two points on a put back and India Bradfield con-



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Kylie Foss makes a drive to the basket. Foss scored four points in the home loss.

nected from long range to trim the gap to nine, 10-19. The Tigers widened the spread with baskets by Carolyn Haar and Faith Van

Holland, 10-23. Bradfield and Emilee Boyer traded baskets before Hannah Behrens dropped in a pair of free throws. With 1:59 to

play in the half, BV trailed 24-14, and that's when the Lynx defense turned opportunities into offense. Kylie Foss planted the first score and then literally took the ball out of the hands of a Harrisburg player, dished it off to Hilary Behrens who converted for two points and drew the foul. While the free throw didn't fall, with 1:24 to go in the second, the Lynx were within seven of their guests, 25-18. Hilary Behrens and Haar traded baskets right before the half to make it a 28-20 game at the break, Harrisburg's favor.

The Lynx brought the same intensity to the floor in the third that they left off with in the second. And again, the same hard-nosed play brought the Lynx within four of the Tigers by the quarter's end, 39-35.

BV's third-quarter charge was fueled by back-to-back 3's by its two senior members - Hannah Behrens and Schaap - and followed up with production from Emma Jarovski and Hilary Behrens.

"I thought our energy was great and our girls executed some pressure defense to take them out of their comfort zone a little bit in the middle two quarters," Zerr said.

Then came the fourth

quarter.

"In the fourth, they came out and hit some shots and executed, kept their level of play like great teams do and we allowed them to do it," he said.

Early on in the quarter, Harrisburg took it to the Lynx from the perimeter, dropping in a trio of 3-pointers. Meanwhile, points fell hard for BV the rest of the way.

"To win these types of games, we have to play our best for 32 minutes and can't have those lapses in our execution. Again, give them credit, you knock in shots the way they do so consistently and are so solid from the free throw line down the stretch, that's a great winning formula and a great measuring stick for our team to look at and say, 'We're not there, yet,' and 'yet' is a powerful word because it means you still have room to grow and improve from a great opportunity like this was," Zerr said.

For Harrisburg, Phipps and Haar supplied 17 and 13 points, respectively, to the win. Brecli Honnor tossed in nine and Boyer accounted for eight. Faith Van Holland chipped in seven.

The Tigers were near perfect at the charity stripe, knocking down 15-16. They had 15 turnovers in the win

and kept the Lynx at bay by controlling the boards, 30-16.

Hannah Behrens had five and Hilary Behrens grabbed three.

The Lynx were led in scoring by Hilary Behrens' 10 points and seven from Hannah Behrens. Jarovski tossed in six and Bradfield had five.

Foss was credited with five of the team's 13 assists; Jarovski and Hannah Behrens both had two. Foss and Hilary Behrens both picked off three steals. BV had eight total. The Lynx also charted four blocks, two of which Hannah Behrens had one. BV committed seven turnovers in the loss.

"Our seniors set the tone at the start of the year with the message and goal of 'Getting better every day, every practice, every game.' Our team did that tonight - even if the result isn't what we wanted," Zerr said.

Brandon Valley 5 20 35 42
Harrisburg 17 28 39 58

Brandon Valley (2PFG, 3PFG, FT, TP): India Bradfield 1-2 1-5 0-0 5; Mara Schaap 0-3 1-4 1-2 4; Kylie Foss 2-6 0-2 0-0 4; Emma Jarovski 3-6 0-2 0-0 6; Hilary Behrens 5-9 1-2 2-7 10; Grace Gerken 0-2 0-20-0 0; Hannah Behrens 1-5 1-3 2-2 7; Sidney Thue 2-3 0-0 0-0 4. Totals: 14-39 3-16 5-11 42.

BV takes advantage of Bobcat turnovers; roll to 64-31 win

Jill Meier
Journal editor

The Lady Lynx took advantage of 34 Bobcat turnovers Thursday, and the result was an impressive 64-31 ESD Conference victory.

BV coach Mike Zerr said his team took a step forward in the victory.

"We're a team continuing to find its identity, and we took a step forward in that regard. It was great to see girls getting in and contributing with everyone scoring and making a direct impact on the game in that way," he said. "Anytime you can get 20-plus steals and 34 turnovers in a game, that's a

great defensive effort."

The Bobcats took an early 9-3 lead in the first three minutes, but then the Lady Lynx took charge, rallying to a 17-13 lead after a quarter and a 32-21 edge at the break.

BV turned up their pressure defense in the third stanza, causing the Bobcats issues. In that quarter alone, Brookings committed 11 of their 34 turnovers. Meanwhile, BV's offense pushed the margin to 49-27.

The Lynx out-scored their hosts 15-4 in the final quarter en route to the 64-31 win.

Lady Lynx senior Mara Schaap had a good night

from the perimeter. Schaap, who finished with a team-high 15 points, dropped 3-of-5 from long range. She got help from Hilary Behrens, who added 13 points and eight from Emma Jarovski. Kylie Foss chipped in five.

BV's rebounding efforts were led by Hilary Behrens, who had five, and Foss, who had four. Sidney Thue and Schaap both aided with three.

Foss was also a factor in BV's assist and steal stats. She dished out four of the team's 12 assists, and picked off four of 23 total steals. Jarovski matched her four steals and had three assists. Hilary Behrens and Grace Gerken picked off six and three steals, respectively.

BV took good care of the ball, turning it over on just



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Brandon Valley's Sidney Thue and India Bradfield (14) fight for a rebound during play against Harrisburg last week. The 5-6 Lady Lynx head to Aberdeen Central this Friday.

seven occasions.

For Brookings, Ainsley Shelsta came off the bench and posted a double-double of 12 points and 12 rebounds.

The Bobcats shot 26.2 percent from the field. They registered 34 rebounds, 10 steals, five assists and had 18 turnovers.

Zerr said his team shines when they push the flow of

the game.

"Our girls are really comfortable in those situations and it allows us to play at a pace that is faster and hopefully creates a few more opportunities on offense for us. Especially with our bench, we can afford to get out early and push teams and hopefully get to their legs in the second half. That showed with us only allowing 10 points in the second half," he said.

Brandon Valley 17 32 49 64
Brookings 13 21 27 31

Brandon Valley (2PFG, 3PFG, FT, TP): Kennedy Nuebel 1-2 0-0 2-2 4; Abby Finch 0-0 0-1 1-2 1; India Bradfield 1-2 0-2 0-2 2; Mara Schaap 2-2 3-4 2-2 15; Kylie Foss 1-1 1-2 0-0 5; Emma Jarovski 3-7 0-3 2-4 8; Hilary Behrens 2-7 2-3 3-5 13; Grace Gerken 1-2 0-1 0-0 2; Olivia Klumper 2-3 0-0 0-0 4; Hannah Behrens 1-4 0-1 2-5 4; Sidney Thue 1-4 0-1 0-0 2; Aneasha Scott 1-2 0-2 2-2 4. Totals: 16-36 6-20 14-24 64.

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Bill Thompson keeps a watchful eye out for good neighbors. And this month, he took notice of Kathy Lembcke's kindness.

The Brandon woman took on the challenger of crafting quilts for every senior member of the Brandon Valley Lynx football team. Her son, Sam, was one of the 24 seniors on the roster who suited up for the 11AAA state runners-up squad. And when he reminded her that she'd gifted quilts to elder son Ben's senior teammates a few years earlier, she went into full sewing mode to repeat the feat.

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Sioux Falls, SD 57108

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— BRIEFING MEETING —
MINUTES

The Brandon City Council met in a briefing session at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 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; City Engineer, Tami Jansma; Public Works Director, Rollie Hoeke; Park Superintendent, Devin Coughlin; Police Chief, Joe Weir, and Golf Course Manager, Andrew Bauer. Absent: None.

The Council discussed items on the agenda for the upcoming January 20, 2020 regular Council meeting. No formal action was taken.

At 6:15 p.m., hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Christina Smith
Municipal Finance Officer
Paul Lundberg
Mayor

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MINUTES

The Brandon City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on January 20, 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 Clark moved Alderman Jorgenson seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Alderman Kull moved Alderman David seconded to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2020 briefing meeting, the minutes of the January 6, 2020 regular meeting and the minutes of the January 15, 2020 special meeting. Motion carried.

Alderman Fish moved Alderman Clark seconded to approve the following claims. Motion carried.

VENDOR, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT;

AE2S, Professional Services, 8,642.35; Alliance Communications, Utilities, 2,434.04; Alternative HR Development, Professional Services, 3,198.92; American General Contractors, Hired Repairs, 30,631.60; Ambush Apparel, Supplies, 403.00; Avera McKennan Hospital, Professional Services, 1,971.50; Border State Electric, Repairs, 872.10; Borns Group, Utility Billing, 995.52; Boyce Law Firm, LLP, Professional Services, 3,740.50; Brandon Valley Media Group, Publications, 462.64; BV Area Chamber of Commerce, Registration Fees, 2,820.00; Century Business Products, Supplies, 178.36; Chesterman Company, GC Rental, 50.00; Cintas, GC Linen Services, 40.00; City of Sioux Falls Landfill, Fees, 66.30; Civil Design, Inc., Hired Repairs, 417.50; Culligan Water Conditioning, Utilities, 99.60; DirecTV, GC Utilities, 43.95; Division of Motor Vehicles, Fees, 60.00; Ellis & Eastern Company, Improvements, 20,897.84; EnviroMaster, Inc., GC Supplies, 78.90; Ferguson Waterworks, Supplies, 18.44; First Rate Excavate, Inc., Improvements, 36,582.17; H & W Contracting, LLC, Improvements, 63,810.10; HDR Engineering, Inc., Professional Services, 143,257.44; Jack's Uniform's & Equipment, Police Supplies, 476.43; Jaycox Implement, Inc., Equipment, 10,500.00; Kelly Eilers, Reimbursement, 881.98;

Larry Bixby, Reimbursement, 143.31; Manley Tire & Oil Service, Repairs, 467.24; Marv's Sanitary Service, Utilities, 446.25; Metro Construction, Improvements, 176,100.30; MidAmerican Energy, Utilities, 2,281.85; Midwest Alarm Company, Inc., Professional Services, 86.52; Mills & Miller, Inc., Supplies, 5,561.43; Minnehaha Co. Economic Dev. Corp., Annual Dues, 28,000.00; Mobile Electronic Service, Inc., Supplies, 100.00; Orkin, Professional Services, 520.00; Performance Press, Supplies, 304.50; Pitney Bowes, Supplies, 201.85; Recreation Supply Company, Equipment, 6,141.80; R & L Supply, Repairs, 25.91; SD DENR, Improvements, 600.00; SD Department of Revenue, December Sales Tax, 6,934.19; SD Licensed Beverage Dealers, Fees, 100.00; SD One Call, Utilities, 40.32; SD Ready Mixed Concrete Association, Registration, 165.00; SD Unemployment Insurance Division, 4th Quarter Contribution, 226.26; Sioux Falls Ford, Repairs, 991.46; Sioux Falls Humane Society, Professional Services, 284.12; Sioux Falls Networks, Professional Services, 355.00; Sprint, Improvements, 22,808.75; Stockwell Engineers, Inc., Improvements, 16,401.85; The Wright Vacs, Supplies, 20.00; Toro NSN, Service Agreement, 155.00; US Postmaster, Utility Billing, 1,310.26; Valley Springs Body Shop, Hired Repairs, 65.00; Xcel Energy, Utilities, 2,854.69; City Administration, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 3,731.55; Finance Officer, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 4,014.66; Government Buildings, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 138.52; Police, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 24,367.42; Building Inspections, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 3,346.45; Engineer, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 2,053.70; Street Department, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 5,349.80; Park Department, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 4,153.05; Water Department, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 7,891.24; Sewer Department, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 3,256.58; Golf Course Grounds, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 1,683.71; Golf Course Lounge, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 852.78; Golf Course Pro Shop, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 3,399.63; Golf Course Community Room, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 665.73; 941 Payroll Taxes, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 21,008.15; SD Retirement System Supplemental, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 700.00; TASC Flex Plan, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 624.96; Accounts Management, January 5, 2020 Payroll, 75.00;

Alderman Kull moved Alderman Parsons seconded to approve the consent calendar which contained the following items: a plat of Lot 2A in Tract 4 of Burkman Industrial Park 2nd Addition and a plat of Lot 1A in Block 13 of Brandon Terraces. Motion carried.

RE-ZONE OF 1304 E. SYLVAN CIRCLE & 101 N. PIPESTONE STREET
A public hearing was held, as advertised, to consider a Re-Zone Application for 1304 E. Sylvan Circle and 101 N. Pipestone Street. No comments received. No action taken.

ISG: UPDATE ON CITY HALL SPACE NEEDS STUDY
Representatives with ISG were

present for discussion on the space needs study being done for City Hall, Police & Public Works Departments. No further action taken at this time.

ORDINANCE #598
Alderman Clark moved Alderman Fish seconded to give second reading to Ordinance #598: TITLE: AMENDING CHAPTER 6-7 AMBULANCE SERVICES OF THE BRANDON CITY CODE, changing 6-7-8 1. to a 95% respond time. A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Parsons aye; Kull nay. Motion carried.

2019-2023 AUDIT SERVICES RECOMMENDATION

The Golf Course Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee, Public Safety Committee and Administration Committee reports were heard. Alderman Parsons moved Alderman Kull seconded to approve Quam, Berglin & Post, P.C. as the audit services for the next five years, 2019-2023. Motion carried.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH QUAM & BERGLIN

Alderman Parsons moved Alderman Clark seconded to approve the engagement letter from Quam, Berglin & Post, P.C. for the 2019 audit in the amount of \$25,700.00. Motion carried.

SALARY REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT

Alderman Kull moved Alderman Clark seconded to approve the salary adjustment for Karen Keyser, to step 1-2 on the wage scale, \$14.17 per hour, effective January 28, 2020. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #04-20

Alderman Parsons moved Alderman David seconded to approve Resolution #04-20. A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull, Parsons aye.. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #04-20

WHEREAS, funds must be transferred to eliminate the negative cash balances.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Brandon, South Dakota, that the following transfer of funds is approved as of December 31, 2019:

Transfer From, Transfer To, Amount;

General Fund #101, Golf Course Fund #615, \$340,662.56;

General Fund #101, Core Area #540, \$577,004.85;

General Fund #101, Rushmore Area #590, \$43,337.40;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of Brandon, South Dakota, that the following transfer of funds is approved in 2020 when the bonds are received for the Core Area Project.

Transfer From, Transfer To, Amount;

Core Area #540, General Fund #101, \$577,004.85;

Dated this 20th day of January, 2020.

Paul J Lundberg, Mayor

ATTEST: Christina Smith, Finance Officer (SEAL)

ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH DA DAVIDSON

Alderman Parsons moved Alderman Clark seconded to approve the letter of engagement from DA Davidson for water revenue bonds for well #8. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #05-20

Alderman Clark moved Alderman David seconded to approve Resolution #05-20. A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull, Parsons aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-20

RESOLUTION GIVING APPROVAL TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF WATER UTILITY REVENUE BONDS, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) OF THE CITY OF BRANDON, SOUTH DAKOTA, THE APPROVAL OF THE FORM OF THE BONDS, THE PLEDGE OF CERTAIN REVENUES AND COLLATERAL TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS, AND THE CREATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS OF THE BONDS.

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of SDCL Chapter 9-40 (the "Act") as found and determined by the Legislature is to provide for financing the acquisition, maintenance, operation, extension or improvement of any system or part of any system of waterworks for the purpose of providing water and water supply for domestic, municipal, and industrial purposes; or any system for the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage and other domestic, commercial and industrial wastes; or any system for the control of floods and drainage; or any combination thereof, together with extensions, additions, and necessary appurtenances; and,

WHEREAS, a municipality is authorized to issue revenue bonds to fund improvements, extensions and additions to its water system by SDCL 9-40-6 and SDCL Chapter 6-8B and is authorized to pledge the net income or revenues from the system to secure such bonds; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Brandon, South Dakota (the "City") currently operates a water distribution system to supply municipal, industrial and domestic water to its inhabitants and has determined that improvements to the water facilities are necessary for the conduct of its governmental programs and qualifies as an improvement, extension or addition to its water system; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that is necessary and in the best interest of the City to issue its Water Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 (as hereinafter described, the "Bonds"), for the purpose of providing funds to pay for the construction costs for Well #8 Pump House and Transmission Line (as hereinafter described, the "Project"), and to pay the

costs of issuance of the Bonds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRANDON, SOUTH DAKOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1. Definition of Terms.

In addition to the words and terms elsewhere defined in this Bond Resolution, the following words and terms as used herein, whether or not the words have initial capitals, shall have the following meanings, unless the context or use indicates another or different meaning or intent, and such definitions shall be equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms of any of the words and terms herein defined:

"Act" means collectively SDCL Chapter 6-8B and Title 9-40, as amended.

"Additional Bonds" means the additional parity bonds authorized to be issued by the City.

"Authorized Officer of the City" means the Mayor and the Finance Officer, or, in the case of any act to be performed or duty to be discharged, any other member, officer, or employee of the City then authorized to perform such act or discharge such duty.

"Bonds" means collectively not to exceed \$1,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Water Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, dated the Closing Date, or such other designation or date as shall be determined by the City Council pursuant to Section 8.1 hereof, authorized and issued under this Resolution.

"Bond Counsel" means Meierhenry Sargent LLP, a firm of attorneys recognized as having experience in matters relating to the issuance of state or local governmental obligations.

"Bond Payment Date" means each date on which interest and/or principal shall be payable on the Bonds so long as any of the Bonds shall be outstanding.

"Bond Purchase Agreement" means the Bond Purchase Agreement authorized pursuant to and described in Section 8.1 hereof by and between the City and the Underwriter.

"Bond Resolution" means this Resolution as it may be amended from time to time.

"Bondholder", "Holder" and "Registered Owner" means the registered owner of a Bond, including any nominee of a Depository.

"Book-Entry Form" or "Book-Entry System" means a form or system, as applicable, under which physical bond certificates in fully registered form are issued to a Depository or to its nominee as Registered Owner, with the certificated bonds being held by and "immobilized" in the custody of such Depository, and under which records maintained by persons, other than the City or the Registration Agent, constitute the written record that identifies, and records the transfer of the beneficial "book-entry" interests in those bonds.

"City" means the City of Brandon, South Dakota.

"City Council" means the City Council of the City elected pursuant to the provisions of the City's charter.

"Closing Date" means the date of delivery and payment of the Bonds.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the applicable regulations of the United States Department of Treasury promulgated thereunder as in effect on the date of issuance of the Bonds.

"Depository" means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal laws operating and maintaining, with its participants or otherwise, a Book-Entry System, including, but not limited to DTC.

"DTC" means the Depository Trust Company, a limited purpose company organized under the laws of the State of New York, and its successors and assigns.

"DTC Participant(s)" means securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that have access to the DTC system.

"Finance Officer" means the Finance Officer of the City appointed pursuant to the provisions of South Dakota Codified Laws Title 9 or, in the absence of such appointment or in the event the person so appointed is unable or incapable of acting in such capacity, the person appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council to perform the duties otherwise performed by the Finance Officer, or his/her designee.

"Interest Payment Date" means each date on which interest shall be payable on the Bonds so long as any of the Bonds shall be outstanding.

"Letter of Representation" means the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations to DTC of the City.

"Mayor" means the Mayor elected pursuant to the provisions of the SDCL 9-13 or his or her designee acting on his or her behalf pursuant to the Charter.

"Official Statement" and "Preliminary Official Statement" means that Official Statement and Preliminary Official Statement described in Section 8.2 hereof pertaining to the sale of the Bonds.

"Original Issue Discount or OID" means an amount by which the par value of a security exceeds its public offering price at the time of its original issuance.

"Original Issue Premium or OIP" means the amount by which the public offering price of a security at the time of its original issuance exceeds its par value.

"Outstanding," "Bonds Outstanding," or "Outstanding Bonds" means, as of a particular date all Bonds issued and delivered under this Bond Resolution except: (1) any Bond paid or redeemed or otherwise canceled by the City at or before such date; (2) any Bond for the payment of which cash, equal to the principal amount thereof with interest to date of maturity, shall have theretofore been deposited prior to maturity by the City for the benefit of the Owner thereof;

(3) any Bond for the redemption of which cash, equal to the redemption price thereof with interest to the redemption date, shall have theretofore been deposited with the Registration Agent and for which notice of redemption shall have been mailed in accordance with this Bond Resolution; (4) any Bond in lieu of or in substitution for which another Bond shall have been delivered pursuant to this Resolution, unless proof satisfactory to the City is presented that any Bond, for which a Bond in lieu of or in substitution thereof shall have been delivered, is held by a bona fide purchaser, as that term is defined in Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code of the State, as amended, in which case both the Bond in lieu of or in substitution for which a new Bond has been delivered and such new Bond so delivered thereof shall be deemed Outstanding; and, (5) any Bond deemed paid under the provisions of Article VII of this Resolution, except that any such Bond shall be considered Outstanding until the maturity or redemption date thereof only for the purposes of being exchanged, transferred, or registered.

"Paying Agent" means U.S. Bank National Association, St. Paul, Minnesota or its successor or successors hereafter appointed in the manner provided in Article VI hereof.

"Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, trust, or unincorporated organization, or a governmental entity or agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Placement Agent" means D.A. Davidson & Co., Omaha, Nebraska.

"Pledged Revenues" means the net income from the System which shall be the excess of revenues or income remaining from time to time after first paying all reasonable and current expenses of maintenance, repairs, replacements, and operation including the interest on any general obligation bonds authorized to construct or acquire or improve such original utility and including the necessary debt service funds required to be provided for the retirement of said bond issues, and including the interest and debt service funds required annually to be paid or set aside on any refunding bonds issued to refund such general obligation bonds issued for the original construction or acquisition or improvement of said utility, so extended, added to, or improved.

"President" means the President of the City Council who may act for the Mayor in the absence of the Mayor.

"Project" means the construction of Well #8 Pump House and Transmission Line.

"Rate Covenant" means the City's agreement that it will establish rates, special charges or surcharges sufficient to produce in each fiscal year net income, remaining from time to time after first paying all reasonable and current expenses of maintenance, repairs, replacements, operation and maintaining the reserve, in an amount not less than 110% of the debt service requirements on the Bonds.

"Rate Ordinance" means, collectively, the ordinances of the City adopted by the City Council establishing rates for the System.

"Rating Agency" means one or more of the following rating agencies: S&P Global Ratings, Moody's Investors Service Inc. and Fitch IBCA, Inc.

"Record Date" means the dates set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement.

"Registration Agent" means U.S. Bank National Association, St. Paul, Minnesota or its successor or successors hereafter appointed in the manner provided in Article VI hereof.

"Reserve Requirement" means an amount, if required, which will comply with the Internal Revenue Regulations specifying the maximum amount in a reserve fund permitted to be invested without regard to investment yield.

"Resolution" means this Bond Resolution.

"Schedule" means the schedule which indicates the principal and interest payments on the Bonds.

"Series 2020 Bonds" means not to exceed \$1,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Water Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2020.

"System" means City's system of waterworks for the purpose of providing water and water supply for domestic, municipal, and industrial purposes.

"Underwriter" means D.A. Davidson & Co., Omaha, Nebraska acting for and on behalf of itself and such securities dealers as it may designate.

Section 1.2. References to Resolution. The words "hereof", "herein", "hereunder", and other words of similar import refer to this Bond Resolution as a whole.

Section 1.3. References to Articles, Sections, Etc. References to Articles, Sections, and other subdivisions of this Bond Resolution are to the designated Articles, Sections, and other subdivisions of this Bond Resolution as originally adopted.

Section 1.4. Headings. The headings of this Bond Resolution are for convenience only and shall not define or limit the provisions hereof.

ARTICLE II. FINDINGS

Section 2.1. It is hereby found and determined by the City Council as follows:

(a) The City desires and hereby determines it is necessary to construct improvements to its water facilities within its System.

(b) The Bonds constitute constitutional debt under Section 13 Section 4 of the South Dakota constitution.

(c) The Bonds, together with the interest thereon, shall not constitute a charge against the City's credit or taxing power, but shall be a limited obligation of the City payable solely out of segregated Pledged Revenues.

(d) It is advantageous and in the best interests of the City to fund the Project with the proceeds of the Bonds.

(e) The City hereby determines that

all limitations upon the issuance of Bonds have been met and the Bonds are being authorized, issued and sold in accordance with the provisions of Act.

ARTICLE III. AUTHORIZATION, PLEDGE, RATES AND CHARGES AND ACCOUNTS

Section 3.1. Authorization. In order to pay for the (i) construction costs for the Project and (ii) costs incidental to the sale and issuance of the Bonds, there shall be issued pursuant to, and in accordance with, the provisions of the Act, this Bond Resolution, and other applicable provisions of law, Water Utility Revenue Bonds of the City in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Section 3.2. Pledge of Revenues. The Bonds, together with the interest thereon, shall not constitute a charge against the City's general credit or taxing power, but shall be a limited obligation of the City payable solely out of the System Debt Service Account, which payments, revenues and receipts are hereby pledged and assigned for the equal and ratable payments of the Bonds, together with other obligations issued and outstanding on parity therewith, and shall be used for no other purpose than to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds and such other obligations, except as may be otherwise expressly authorized (including the purpose of securing Additional Bonds issued as permitted by the terms thereof). The City covenants and agrees to charge rates for all services from the System or establish special charges or surcharges which will be sufficient to provide for the payments upon the Bonds issued hereunder as and when the same become due, and as may be necessary to provide for the operation and maintenance and repairs of the System, and depreciation and the satisfaction of the Rate Covenant, and the Rate Ordinance shall be revised from time to time so as to produce these amounts. The City hereby reserves the right to determine on a periodic basis the appropriate allocation of operation and maintenance expenses, depreciation, repair and reserves associated with the facilities financed with the Bonds, provided that such determination of allocable operation and maintenance expenses shall in no event abrogate, abridge or otherwise contravene any covenant of the City with respect thereto.

Section 3.3. Rates and collection. The rates set forth in the Rate Ordinance will be sufficient to produce revenue in amounts necessary to meet the Rate Covenant and pay principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, together with other obligations issued and outstanding on parity therewith.

Section 3.4. System Fund Accounts. For the purpose of application and proper allocation of the income of the System and to secure the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, the following funds shall be used solely for the following respective purposes until payment in full of the principal of and interest on the Bonds:

(a) System Revenue Account. There shall be deposited in the System Revenue Account as received the entire gross revenues derived from the operation of the System collected pursuant to the Rate Ordinance including future improvements, enlargements, extensions and repairs thereto (the "Gross Revenues"). Moneys in the System Revenue Account shall be transferred periodically into separate funds and accounts as provided below.

(b) Operation and Maintenance Account. There has been established the General Operation and Maintenance Account. Out of the remaining revenues of the System Revenue Account after application described in (c), (d) and (e) below, there shall be set aside each month into the General Operation and Maintenance Account, a sum sufficient to provide for the payment of the next month's current expenses of administration and operation of the System and such current expenses for the maintenance thereof as may be necessary to preserve the System in good repair and working order. The term current expenses shall be construed to include all reasonable and necessary costs of operating, repairing, maintaining and insuring the System, including without limitation salaries, supplies and rent, but shall exclude the General Depreciation Account and System Debt Service Account.

(c) System Debt Service Account. Out of the revenues in the System Revenue Account, there shall be set aside no later than the last day of each month into the fund designated the System Debt Service Account, a sum sufficient to provide for the payment as the same become due of the next maturing principal and interest on, the Bonds, any other obligations issued and outstanding on a parity therewith and any reserve determined by the City's governing body to be necessary. Moneys in the System Debt Service Account also shall be used to pay the usual and customary charges of the Paying Agent.

(d) Reserve Account. If required by the Underwriter, Placement Agent or the Rating Agency, if any, there is hereby created and established a "Reserve Account." There shall be credited to the Reserve Account from the proceeds of the Bonds, an amount equal to the Reserve Requirement. Thereafter, in the event that the amount on deposit in the

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serve Account may be used only for the payment of principal of and interest on the Additional Bonds and shall be used only in the event that there are insufficient moneys in the System Revenue Account to meet such principal and interest payments promptly when due. The interest from any investment of the Reserve Account may be transferred from time to time to the Project Fund (as established in Section 8.3(a) hereof), provided that after completion of the Project such interest shall be transferred to the System Revenue Account. No transfer of investment income shall be made from the Reserve Account at any time when the balance therein is less than the Reserve Requirement. Such investments shall be subject to the limitations of South Dakota law.

(c) Depreciation Account. There has been established a General Depreciation Account. Out of the revenues of the System Revenue Account there shall be set aside each month into the General Depreciation Account an amount determined by the City Council to be a proper and adequate amount for repair and depreciation of the System.

(f) Surplus Account. There has been established the General Surplus Account. Revenues remaining in the System Revenue Account at the end of any fiscal year after all periodic transfers have been made therefrom as above required, shall be deemed to be surplus and shall be credited to the General Surplus Account. If at any time there shall exist any default in making any periodic transfer to the System Debt Service Account, the City Council shall authorize the Finance Officer to rectify such default so far as possible by the transfer of money from the General Surplus Account. If any such default shall exist as to more than one account or fund at any time, then such transfer shall be made in the order such funds and accounts are listed above. When not required to restore a current deficiency in the System Debt Service Account, moneys in the General Surplus Account from time to time may be used for any of the following purposes and not otherwise:

1. To redeem and prepay the Bonds when and as such Bonds become prepayable according to their terms;

2. To pay for repairs of or for the construction and installation of improvements or additions to the System; and, if the balances in the System Debt Service Account and the General Depreciation Account are sufficient to meet all payments required or reasonably anticipated to be made there from prior to the end of the then current fiscal year, then:

3. To be held as a reserve for redemption and prepayment of any bonds of the System which are not then but will later be prepayable according to their terms; or

4. To be used for any other authorized municipal purpose designated by the City Council.

5. No moneys shall at any time be transferred from the General Surplus Account or any other account of the Fund to any other fund of the City, nor shall such moneys at any time be loaned to other municipal funds or invested in warrants, special improvements bonds or other obligations payable from other funds, except as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE IV. FORM, TERMS, EXECUTION, AND TRANSFER OF BONDS

Section 4.1. Authorized Bonds. The aggregate principal amount of Bonds that may be issued under this Bond Resolution shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).

Section 4.2. Form of Bonds; Execution.

(a) The Bonds are issuable only as fully registered Bonds, without coupons, in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or any integral multiple thereof (but no single Bond shall represent installments of principal maturing on more than one date). All Bonds issued under this Resolution shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and on file with the Finance Officer and open to public inspection at regular business hours, and by this reference incorporated herein as fully as though copied.

(b) The Bonds shall be executed in such manner as may be prescribed by applicable law in the name and on behalf of the City with the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor, attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Finance Officer, and approved as to form and countersigned by a Resident Attorney by his manual or facsimile signature.

(c) In the event any officer whose manual or facsimile signature shall appear on any Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Bond, such manual or such facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes as if he or she had remained in office until such delivery. Any Bond may bear the facsimile signature of, or may be manually signed by, such individuals who, at the actual time of the execution of such Bond, were the proper officers of the City to sign such Bond, although on the date of the adoption by the City of this Resolution, such individuals may not have been such officers.

Section 4.3. Maturities, Interest Rates, and Certain Other Provisions of Bonds.

(a) The Bonds shall become due and payable as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement.

(b) The Bonds shall be designated "Water Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2020" or such other designation as shall be determined by the City Council pursuant to Section 8.1 hereof. The Bonds shall bear interest from their date or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until the principal amount of the Bond is paid, such interest (computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) being payable on Interest Payment Dates. Interest on each Bond shall be paid

by wire transfer, check or draft of the Paying Agent, payable in lawful money of the United States of America, to the person in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the Record Dates. The principal of the Bond shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the principal office of the Paying Agent on the Bond Payment Date. (c) The Registration Agent shall make all interest payments with respect to the Bonds on each interest payment date directly to the registered owners as shown on the Bond registration records maintained by the Registration Agent as of the close of business on the Record Date by wire transfer, check or draft mailed to such owners at their addresses shown on said Bond registration records, except for final payment, the presentation or surrender of such registered Bonds, and all such payments shall discharge the obligations of the City in respect of such Bonds to the extent of the payments so made. Payment of principal of and premium, if any, on the Bonds shall be made upon presentation and surrender of such Bonds to the Registration Agent as the same shall become due and payable.

4.4. Additional Bonds. As permitted by SDCL 9-40-8 and SDCL 9-40-9, Additional Bonds payable from Pledged Revenues may be issued on a parity basis provided that Pledged Revenues for the Fiscal Year immediately preceding the issuance of such additional obligations must be equal to not less than 1.25 times the highest annual principal and interest requirement on the Bonds and parity obligations, and no provision of this Resolution shall have the effect of restricting the issuance of, or impairing the lien of, such additional parity bonds with respect to the net revenues or income from the extensions, additions or improvements. Should the City increase rates and charges made effective prior to the issuance of such additional obligations, then the Pledged Revenues for the purpose of such computation shall include the additional revenues. The City shall have the right to issue additional bonds secured by a lien subordinate to the lien from the Bonds.

Section 4.5. Negotiability of Bonds. All Bonds issued under this Resolution shall be negotiable, subject to the provisions for registration and transfer contained in this Resolution and in the Bonds.

Section 4.6. Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds. The Bonds are transferable only by presentation to the Registration Agent by the registered owner, or his legal representative duly authorized in writing, of the registered Bond(s) to be transferred with the form of assignment on the reverse side thereof completed in full and signed with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the face of the Bond(s) accompanied by appropriate documentation necessary to prove the legal capacity of any legal representative of the registered owner. Upon receipt of the Bond(s) in such form and with such documentation, if any, the Registration Agent shall issue a new Bond or Bonds to the assignee(s) in \$5,000 denominations, or integral multiples thereof, as requested by the registered owner requesting transfer. The Registration Agent shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period commencing on a Record Date and ending on the corresponding interest payment date of such Bond, nor to transfer or exchange any Bond after the publication of notice calling such Bond for redemption has been made, nor to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period following the receipt of instructions from the City to call such Bond for redemption; provided, the Registration Agent, at its option, may make transfers after any of said dates. No charge shall be made to any registered owner for the privilege of transferring any Bond, provided that any transfer tax relating to such transaction shall be paid by the registered owner requesting transfer. The person in whose name any Bond shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes and neither the City nor the Registration Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary whether or not any payments due on the Bonds shall be overdue. Bonds, upon surrender to the Registration Agent, may, at the option of the registered owner, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Bonds of the same maturity in any authorized denomination or denominations.

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. References in this Section to a Bond or the Bonds shall be construed to mean the Bond or the Bonds that are held under the Book-Entry System. One Bond for each maturity shall be issued to DTC and immobilized in its custody. Unless otherwise provided herein, a Book-Entry System shall be employed, evidencing ownership of the Bonds in authorized denominations, with transfers of beneficial ownership affected on the records of DTC and the DTC Participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC.

Each DTC Participant shall be credited in the records of DTC with the amount of such DTC Participant's interest in the Bonds. Beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds may be purchased by or through DTC Participants. The holders of these beneficial ownership interests are herein referred to as the "Beneficial Owners." The Beneficial Owners shall not receive the Bonds representing their beneficial ownership interests. The ownership interests of each Beneficial Owner shall be recorded through the records of the DTC Participant from which such Beneficial Owner purchased its Bonds. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds shall be accomplished by book entries made by DTC and, in turn, by DTC Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. SO LONG AS CEDE & CO., AS NOMINEE FOR DTC, IS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS, THE REGISTRATION AGENT SHALL TREAT CEDE & CO., AS THE ONLY HOLDER OF THE BONDS FOR ALL PURPOSES UNDER THIS RESOLUTION, INCLUDING RECEIPT OF ALL PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, RECEIPT OF NOTICES, VOTING AND REQUESTING OR DIRECTING THE REGISTRATION AGENT TO TAKE OR NOT TO TAKE, OR CONSENTING TO, CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER THIS BOND RESOLUTION.

Payments of principal, interest, and redemption premium, if any, with respect to the Bonds, so long as DTC is the only owner of the Bonds, shall be paid by the Registration Agent directly to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., as provided in the Letter of Representation. DTC shall remit such payments to DTC Participants, and such payments thereafter shall be paid by DTC Participants to the Beneficial Owners. Neither the City nor the Registration Agent shall be responsible or liable for payment by DTC or DTC Participants, for sending transaction statements or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing records maintained by DTC or DTC Participants.

In the event that (1) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds or (2) the City determines that the continuation of the Book-Entry System of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds would adversely affect their interests or the interests of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, the City may discontinue the Book-Entry System with DTC. If the City fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the City shall cause the Registration Agent to authenticate and deliver replacement Bonds in the form of fully registered Bonds to each Beneficial Owner.

NEITHER THE CITY NOR THE REGISTRATION AGENT SHALL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATIONS TO ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OR ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WITH RESPECT TO (i) THE BONDS; (ii) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT; (iii) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; (iv) THE DELIVERY OR TIMELINESS OF DELIVERY BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OF ANY NOTICE DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER THAT IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS BOND RESOLUTION TO BE GIVEN TO BENEFICIAL OWNERS, (v) THE SELECTION OF BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS IN THE EVENT OF ANY PARTIAL REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS; OR (vi) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC, OR ITS NOMINEE, CEDE & CO., AS OWNER.

SO LONG AS A BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM OF EVIDENCE OF TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF ALL THE BONDS IS MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE HERewith, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE DELIVERY OF PHYSICAL BOND CERTIFICATES SHALL BE DEEMED INAPPLICABLE OR BE OTHERWISE SO CONSTRUED AS TO GIVE FULL EFFECT TO SUCH BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM. IF THE PROVISIONS OF THE LETTER OF REPRESENTATION SHALL BE IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION AS SAID PROVISIONS RELATE TO DTC, THE PROVISIONS OF THE LETTER OF REPRESENTATION SHALL CONTROL.

Section 4.7. Mutilated, Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed Bonds. (a) In the event any Bond is mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed, the City may execute, and upon the request of an Authorized Officer of the City the Registration Agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like maturity, interest rate, and principal amount, and bearing the same number (but with appropriate designation indicating that such new Bond is a replacement Bond) as the mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond, in exchange for the mutilated Bond or in substitution for the Bond so destroyed, lost, or stolen. In every case of exchange or substitution, the Bondholder shall furnish to the City and the Registration Agent: (1) such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless from all risks, however remote; and, (2) evidence to their satisfaction of the mutilation, destruction, loss, or theft of the subject Bond and the ownership thereof. Upon the issuance of any Bond upon such exchange or substitution, the City and the Registration Agent may require the Owner thereof to pay a sum sufficient to defray any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses, including printing costs and counsel fees, of the City and the Registration Agent. In the event any Bond which has matured or is about to mature shall become mutilated or be destroyed, lost, or stolen, the City may, instead of issuing a Bond in exchange or substitution therefor, pay or authorize the payment of the same (without surrender thereof except in the case of a mutilated Bond) if the Owner thereof shall pay all costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred by the City and the Registration Agent in connection herewith, as well as a sum sufficient to defray any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto

and shall furnish to the City and the Registration Agent such security or indemnity as they may require to save them harmless and evidence to the satisfaction of the City and the Registration Agent the mutilation, destruction, loss, or theft of such Bond and of the ownership thereof.

(b) Every Bond issued pursuant to the provisions of this section shall constitute an additional contractual obligation of the City (whether or not the destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond shall be found at any time to be enforceable) and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Bond Resolution equally and proportionately with any and all other Bonds duly issued under this Bond Resolution.

(c) All Bonds shall be held and owned upon the express condition that the provisions of this Section are exclusive, with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bonds, and, to the maximum extent legally permissible, shall preclude all other rights or remedies, notwithstanding any law or statute now existing or hereafter enacted to the contrary.

Section 4.8. Authentication. The Registration Agent is hereby authorized to authenticate and deliver the Bonds to the Underwriter, if applicable, or as it may designate upon receipt by the City of the proceeds of the sale thereof, to authenticate and deliver Bonds in exchange for Bonds of the same principal amount delivered for transfer upon receipt of the Bond(s) to be transferred in proper form with proper documentation as hereinabove described. The Bonds shall not be valid for any purpose unless authenticated by the Registration Agent by the manual signature of an officer thereof on the certificate set forth herein on the Bond form.

Section 4.9. Qualification for DTC. The Registration Agent is hereby authorized to take such actions as may be necessary from time to time to qualify and maintain the Bonds for deposit with DTC, including but not limited to, wire transfers of interest and principal payments with respect to the Bonds, utilization of electronic book entry data received from DTC in place of actual delivery of Bonds and provision of notices with respect to Bonds registered by the DTC (or any of its designees identified to the Registration Agent) by overnight delivery, courier service, telegram, telecopy or other similar means of communication. No such arrangements with DTC may adversely affect the interest of any of the Owners of the Bonds, provided, however, that the Registration Agent shall not be liable with respect to any such arrangements it may make pursuant to this section.

Section 4.10. Underwriter or Placement Agent. An Authorized Officer of the City is hereby authorized to retain D.A. Davidson & Co. as (a) Underwriter in connection with a public offering of the Bonds or (b) Placement Agent in connection with a private placement of the Bonds, all in accordance with Section 8.11 of this Resolution.

Section 4.11. Bond Counsel. The Mayor and the Finance Officer are authorized to retain Meierhenry Sargent LLP as Bond Counsel upon such terms as they approve.

Section 4.12. Rating Agency. The City is authorized to enter into an agreement with a Rating Agency as may be required under the Bond Purchase Agreement. Any terms or conditions of the Rating Agency shall be attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein as if stated in full.

Section 4.13. Dissemination Agent. The City authorizes the Authorized Officer of the District to retain a dissemination agent with regard to the written undertaking authorized in Section 9.7 hereof.

ARTICLE V. REDEMPTION OF BONDS PRIOR TO MATURITY

Section 5.1. Optional Redemption. The Bonds shall be subject to optional redemption as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement.

ARTICLE VI. REGISTRATION AGENT

Section 6.1. Appointment and Acceptance of Duties.

(a) The City hereby authorizes the Finance Officer to appoint the Registration and Paying Agent with respect to the Bonds and authorizes and directs the Registration Agent to maintain bond registration records with respect to the Bonds, to authenticate and deliver the Bonds as provided herein, either at original issuance, upon transfer, or as otherwise directed by the City, to effect transfers of the Bonds, to give all notices of redemption as required herein, to make all payments of principal and interest with respect to the Bonds as provided herein, to cancel and destroy Bonds which have been paid at maturity or upon earlier redemption or submitted for exchange or transfer and to furnish the City at least annually an audit confirmation of Bonds paid, Bonds Outstanding and payments made with respect to interest on the Bonds. The Mayor and the Finance Officer, or either of them is hereby authorized to execute and the Finance Officer is hereby authorized to attest such written agreement between the City and the Registration Agent as they shall deem necessary or proper with respect to the obligations, duties and rights of the Registration Agent. The payment of all reasonable fees and expenses of the Registration Agent for the discharge of its duties and obligations hereunder or under any such agreement is hereby authorized and directed.

Section 6.2. Permitted Acts and Functions. The Registration Agent may become the Owner of any Bonds, with the same rights as it would have if it were not a Registration Agent. The Registration Agent may act as an underwriter or fiscal agent in connection with the sale of the Bonds or of any other securities offered or issued by the City.

Section 6.3. Resignation or Removal of the Registration Agent and Appointment of Successors.

(a) The Registration Agent may at any time resign and be discharged of the duties and obligations created by the Bond Resolution by giving at least sixty (60) calendar days' written notice to the Finance Officer. The Registration Agent may be removed at any time by the Finance Officer, provided that such removal does not constitute a breach of any contractual agreement with any such Registration Agent, by filing written notice of such removal with such Registration Agent. Any successor Registration Agent shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall be a trust company or a bank having the powers of a trust company, having a combined capital, surplus, and undivided profits aggregating at least Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000), willing to accept the office of Registration Agent on reasonable and customary terms and authorized by law to perform all the duties imposed upon it by the Bond Resolution.

(b) In the event of the resignation or removal of the Registration Agent, such Registration Agent shall pay over, assign and deliver any monies and securities held by it as Registration Agent, and all books and records and other properties held by it as Registration Agent, to its successor, or if there be no successor then appointed, to the Finance Officer until such successor be appointed.

Section 6.4. Merger or Consolidation of Registration Agent. Any corporation or association into which the Registration Agent may be converted or merged, or with which it may be consolidated, or to which it may sell or transfer its trust business and assets as a whole, or substantially as a whole, or any corporation or association resulting from any such conversion, sale, merger, consolidation, or transfer to which it is a party shall be and become successor Registration Agent hereunder and shall be vested with all the trusts, powers, discretion, immunities, privileges, and other matters as was its predecessor, without the execution or filing of any instrument or any further act, deed, or conveyance on the part of any of the parties hereto, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Upon any such conversion, merger, consolidation, sale or transfer, the Finance Officer shall have the right and option, upon notice to such converted, merged, consolidated or acquiring entity, to remove such entity and appoint a successor thereto pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth in Section 6.3 hereof.

ARTICLE VII. DEFEASANCE OF BONDS

Section 7.1. Defeasance of Bonds. If the City shall pay and discharge the indebtedness evidenced by any of the Bonds in any one or more of the following ways, to wit:

(a) By paying or causing to be paid, by deposit of sufficient funds as and when required with the Registration Agent, the principal of and interest on such Bonds as and when the same become due and payable;

(b) By depositing or causing to be deposited with any trust company or financial institution whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or similar federal agency and which has trust powers ("an Agent"; which Agent may be the Registration Agent) in trust or escrow, on or before the date of maturity or redemption, sufficient money or Federal Obligations, as hereafter defined, the principal of and interest on which, when due and payable, will provide sufficient moneys to pay or redeem such Bonds and to pay premium, if any, and interest thereon when due until the maturity or redemption date (provided, if such Bonds are to be redeemed prior to maturity thereof, proper notice of such redemption shall have been given or adequate provision shall have been made for the giving of such notice);

(c) By delivering such Bonds to the Registration Agent, for cancellation by it; and if the City shall also pay or cause to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the City with respect to such Bonds, or make adequate provision therefor, and by resolution of the Governing Body instruct any such Escrow Agent to pay amounts when and as required to the Registration Agent for the payment of principal of and interest and redemption premiums, if any, on such Bonds when due, then and in that case the indebtedness evidenced by such Bonds shall be discharged and satisfied and all covenants, agreements and obligations of the City to the holders of such Bonds shall be fully discharged and satisfied and shall thereupon cease, terminate and become void.

If the City shall pay and discharge the indebtedness evidenced by any of the Bonds in the manner provided in either clause (a) or clause (b) above, then the registered owners thereof shall thereafter be entitled only to payment out of the money or Federal Obligations deposited as aforesaid.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, neither Federal Obligations nor moneys deposited with the Registration Agent pursuant to this Section nor principal or interest payments on any such Federal Obligations shall be withdrawn or used for any purpose other than, and shall be held in trust for, the payment of the principal and premium, if any, and interest on said Bonds; provided that any cash received from such principal or interest payments on such Federal Obligations deposited with the Registration Agent, (A) to the extent such cash will not be required at any time for such purpose, shall be paid over to the City as received by the Registration Agent and (B) to the extent such cash will be required for such purpose at a later date, shall, to the extent practicable, be reinvested in Federal Obligations maturing at times and in amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal and premium, if any, and interest to become due on said Bonds on or prior to such redemption date or maturity date

thereof, as the case may be, and interest earned from such reinvestments shall be paid over to the City, as received by the Registration Agent. For the purposes of this Section, Federal Obligations shall mean direct obligations of, or obligations, the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by, the United States of America, or any agency thereof, obligations of any agency or instrumentality of the United States or any other obligations at the time of the purchase thereof are permitted investments under South Dakota Law for the purposes described in this Section, which Bonds or other obligations shall not be subject to redemption prior to their maturity other than at the option of the registered owner thereof.

ARTICLE VIII. SALE OF BONDS, DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS AND TAX MATTERS

Section 8.1. Sale of Bonds. In the case of a public offering of the Bonds, the Bonds shall be sold to the Underwriter at a price to be set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement. In the case of a private placement of the Bonds, the Bonds shall be placed with a bank, financial institution or other purchaser as identified by the Placement Agent and shall be sold at a price as determined by an Authorized Officer of the City. The Mayor and the Finance Officer, or either of them, in consultation with the Underwriter or the Placement Agent, as applicable, are authorized to make such changes in the structuring of the terms and sale of the Bonds as they shall deem necessary. The form of the Bond set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto shall be conformed to reflect any changes, if any, as hereinbefore mentioned. The Mayor and the President, or either of them, are hereby authorized to execute and the Finance Officer is authorized to attest the Bond Purchase Agreement with the Underwriter providing for the purchase and sale of the Bonds, if applicable. The Bond Purchase Agreement, if applicable, shall be in form and content acceptable to the Mayor and Finance Officer, the execution thereof by either of them to constitute conclusive evidence thereof; provided the Bond Purchase Agreement effects the sale of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution, and is not inconsistent with the terms hereof. The Mayor and the Finance Officer, or either of them, are authorized to cause the Bonds to be authenticated and delivered by the Registration Agent to the Underwriter, if applicable, and to execute, publish, and deliver all certificates and documents, including the Official Statement, and closing certificates and documents, as they shall deem necessary in connection with the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

Section 8.2. Official Statement. If the Bonds are sold publicly, the Mayor, Finance Officer, and the Underwriter are hereby authorized and directed to provide for the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement describing the Bonds (the "Preliminary Official Statement"). After the Bonds have been sold, the Mayor and the Finance Officer shall make such completions, omissions, insertions and changes in the Preliminary Official Statement not inconsistent with this Resolution as are necessary or desirable to complete it as a final Official Statement for purposes of Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

To comply with paragraph (b)(3) of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule") and with Rule G-32 and all other applicable rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, the City agrees to deliver to the Underwriter, the Official Statement (which shall be a final official statement, as such term is defined in the Rule, as of its date) in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB.

In the event the Bonds are privately placed with the assistance of the Placement Agent, the Mayor, Finance Officer, and the Placement Agent are hereby authorized to assist in the preparation of a private placement memorandum, term sheet or other disclosure document relating to the placement of the Bonds.

Section 8.3. Disposition of Bond Proceeds. The proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be disbursed as follows:

(a) An amount which, together with other legally available funds of the City, if any, and investment earnings thereon and on said Bond proceeds shall be deposited in the Project Fund, which is hereby established, which moneys shall be used to pay the costs of the Project.

(b) The remaining proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be used to pay the costs of issuance and sale of the Bonds including necessary legal, accounting and fiscal expenses, printing, engraving, advertising and similar expenses, administrative and clerical costs, rating agency fees, Registrar fees, and other necessary miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds. Any funds remaining after payment of said expenses shall be used to pay interest on the Bonds on the first interest payment date following delivery of the Bonds.

Section 8.4. Tax Matters.

(a) The City covenants and agrees with the registered owners from time to time of the Series 2020 Bonds that it will not take or permit to be taken by any of its officers, employees or agents any action which would cause the interest on the Series 2020 Bonds to become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations"), and covenants to take any and all actions within its powers to ensure that the basic interest on the Series 2020 Bonds will not become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Code and the Regulations.

(b) The Mayor and the Finance

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Officer, being the officers of the City charged with the responsibility for issuing the Series 2020 Bonds pursuant to this Resolution, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Underwriter or the Placement Agent, as applicable, thereof a certificate in accordance with the provisions of Section 148 of the Code, and Section 1.148-2(b) of the Regulations, stating that on the basis of facts, estimates and circumstances in existence on the date of issue and delivery of the Series 2020 Bonds, it is reasonably expected that the proceeds of the Series 2020 Bonds will be used in a manner that would not cause the Series 2020 Bonds to be “arbitrage bonds” within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code and the Regulations.

(c) The City hereby covenants and agrees to make the determinations, retain records and rebate to the United States the amounts at the times and in the manner required by said Section 148(f).

(d) The City shall file with the Secretary of the Treasury a statement concerning the Series 2020 Bonds containing the information required by Section 149(e) of the Code.

(e) Pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) (B)(ii) of the Code, the City hereby designates the Series 2020 Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The City hereby represents that it does not anticipate that obligations bearing interest not includable in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation under Section 103 of the Code (including refunding obligations as provided in Section 265(b)(3) of the Code and including “qualified 501 (c)(3) Bonds” but excluding other “private activity Bonds,” as defined in Sections 141(a) and 145(a) of the Code) will be issued by or on behalf of the City and all “subordinate entities” of the City in 2020 in an amount greater than \$10,000,000.

ARTICLE IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.1. Failure to Present Bonds.

(a) Subject to the provisions of 4.7 hereof, in the event any Bond shall not be presented for payment when the principal or redemption price hereof becomes due, either at maturity or at the date fixed for prior redemption thereof or otherwise, and in the event monies sufficient to pay such Bond shall be held by the Registration Agent for the benefit of the Owner thereof, all liability of the City to such Owner for the payment of such Bond shall forthwith cease, determine, and be completely discharged. Whereupon, the Registration Agent shall hold such monies, without liability for interest thereon, for the benefit of the Owner of such Bond who shall thereafter be restricted exclusively to such monies for any claim under this Resolution or on, or with respect to, said Bond.

(b) If any Bond shall not be presented for payment within a period of five years following the date when such Bond becomes due, whether by maturity or otherwise, the Registration Agent shall, subject to the provisions of any applicable escheat or other similar law, pay to the City any monies then held by the Registration Agent for the payment of such Bond and such Bond shall (subject to the defense of any applicable statute of limitation) thereafter constitute an unsecured obligation of the City.

Section 9.2. Payments Due on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. In any case where the date of maturity or interest on or principal of any Bond, or the date fixed for redemption of any Bond, shall be a Saturday or Sunday or shall be, at the place designated for payment, a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions similar to the Registration Agent are authorized by law to close, then the payment of the interest on, or the principal, or the redemption price of, such Bond need not be made on such date but must be made on the next succeeding day not a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday or a day upon which banking institutions similar to the Registration Agent are authorized by law to close, with the same force and effect as if made on the date of maturity or the date fixed for redemption, and no interest shall accrue for the period after such date.

Section 9.3. Miscellaneous Acts. The appropriate officers of the City are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all such acts and things, and to execute, acknowledge, deliver, and, if applicable file or record, or cause to be filed or recorded, in any appropriate public offices, all such documents, instruments, and certifications, in addition to those acts, things, documents, instruments, and certifications hereinbefore authorized and approved, as may, in their discretion, be necessary or desirable to implement or comply with the intent of this Bond Resolution, or any of the documents herein authorized and approved, or for the authorization, issuance, and delivery by the City of the Bonds.

Section 9.4. Amendment. The City Council is hereby authorized to make such amendments to the Bond Resolution as will not impair the rights of the Bondholders.

Section 9.5. No Recourse Under Bond Resolution or on Bonds. All stipulations, promises, agreements, and obligations of the City contained in this Resolution shall be deemed to be the stipulations, promises, agreements, and obligations of the City and not of any officer, director, or employee of the City in his or her individual capacity, and no recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal or of interest on the Bonds or for any claim based on this Resolution against any officer, director, or employee of the City or against any official or individual executing the Bonds.

Section 9.6. Partial Invalidity. If any one or more of the provisions of the Bond Resolution, or of any exhibit or attachment thereto, shall

be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, by final decree of any court of lawful jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, or of any exhibit or attachment thereto, but the Bond Resolution, and the exhibits and attachments thereto, shall be construed the same as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein, or therein, as the case may be.

Section 9.7. Continuing Disclosure. The City hereby covenants and agrees that it will provide financial information which is customarily prepared and publicly available and material event notices as required by Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities Exchange Commission for the Bonds. The Mayor is authorized to execute at the Closing of the sale of the Bonds, an agreement for the benefit of and enforceable by the owners of the Bonds specifying the details of the financial information and material event notices to be provided and its obligations relating thereto. Failure of the City to comply with the undertaking herein described and to be detailed in said closing agreement, shall not be a default hereunder, but any such failure shall entitle the owner or owners of any of the Bonds to take such actions and to initiate such proceedings as shall be necessary and appropriate to cause the City to comply with its undertaking as set forth herein and in said agreement, including the remedies of mandamus and specific performance.

Section 9.8. Post Issuance Compliance. The City does hereby adopt Meierhenry Sargent Post-Issuance Compliance Policy and Tax-Advantaged Obligations and Continuing Disclosure with regard to the Certificates attached hereto with regard to the Bonds. The City appoints the Finance Officer as its chief post issuance compliance officer.

Section 9.9. Conflicting Resolutions Repealed. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 9.10. Effective Date. This Bond Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the City requiring it.

The above and foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Clark, seconded by David and upon roll call vote, Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull and Parsons voted aye, none voted nay.

Absent: None. where upon the Mayor declared this Resolution to be duly passed and adopted.

Mayor Attest:
Finance Officer
Adopted: January 20, 2020
Published: January 29, 2020
Effective Date: February 18, 2020
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST

Alderwoman Fish moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve the additional funding request from the BV Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$15,000.00. Motion carried.

SPRINT AGREEMENT
The Streets Committee report was heard. Alderman Jorgenson moved Alderman Parsons seconded to approve the agreement with Sprint Communications Company in the amount of \$22,808.75. Motion carried.

HOLLY BLVD IMPROVEMENTS PAY APPLICATION
Alderman Kull moved Alderman Jorgenson seconded to approve pay application #6 to First Rate Excavate in the amount of \$36,582.17 for the Holly Blvd. improvements project. Motion carried.

CORE PHASE 1 ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

Alderwoman Clark moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve the advertisement for bids for Core Area Phase 1 Construction project. Opening of bids will be February 11, 2020. Motion carried.

HOLLY JOINT REPAIR PROJECT ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

Alderwoman Clark moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve the advertisement for bids for the Holly Joint Repair Project project. Opening of bids will be February 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. local time. Motion carried.

MAIN AVE INTERCEPTOR SEWER PAY APPLICATION

Alderman Parsons moved Alderwoman Clark seconded to approve pay application #7 to H&W Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$63,810.10 for the Main Ave Interceptor Sewer Project. Motion carried.

WELL No. 8 PAY APPLICATION
Alderwoman David moved Alderwoman Clark seconded to approve pay application #1 to Metro Construction, Inc in the amount of \$176,100.30 for the Well No. 8 Pump House and Transmission Line. Motion carried.

WATER FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT PAY APPLICATION

Alderman Kull moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve pay application #3 to American General Contractors, Inc in the amount of \$30,631.60 for the Water Treatment Plant Filter Media Replacement project. Motion carried.

WATER METER REPLACEMENT ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

Alderwoman Fish moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve the advertisement for bids for the water meter replacement project. Opening of bids will be February 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. local time. Motion carried.

Preliminary December 2019 financial reports were included in the packet for review.

At 7:07 p.m. on a motion by Alderwoman Clark seconded by Alderwoman David the meeting was adjourned.

Christina Smith
Paul Lundberg
Finance Officer
Mayor

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MINUTES

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Brandon Planning & Zoning Commission met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on January 2, 2020 at the Brandon City Council Chambers.

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

Commissioner Heidbrink moved Commissioner Noem seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thiele moved Commissioner Bosch seconded to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 regular meeting as amended. Motion carried.

Building Permits for November were presented: #20190341 - #20190359. No action required.

Building Permits for December were presented: #20190360 - #20190371. No action required.

At 6:31 p.m. having no further business, Commissioner Noem moved Commissioner Schoeneman seconded to adjourn the Planning & Zoning commission meeting. Motion carried.

At 6:31 p.m. Chairman Parsons recalled the Board of Adjustment meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Bosch moved Commissioner Thiele seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held, as advertised, to consider a Variance Application for 201 S. Sioux Blvd. Applicant Dick Pickering was present for discussion. Dick is requesting a variance to allow for the construction of a billboard on the property located at 201 S. Sioux Blvd. The sign was removed during the construction on Holly Blvd. Commissioner Heidbrink moved Commissioner Bosch seconded to table discussion on the variance application until the January 16, 2020 Board of Adjustment meeting. Motion carried.

At 6:52 p.m. having no further business, Commissioner Bosch moved Commissioner Noem seconded to adjourn the Board of Adjustment meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Labahn
Recording Clerk
Bryan Read
City Administrator
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January 29, 2020

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Water Meter Replacement – Phase 1

Brandon, South Dakota
Sealed bids will be received by the City of Brandon, South Dakota, at City Hall at 304 Main Avenue, P.O.

Box 95, Brandon South Dakota 57005 until 2:00p.m, local time, February 11th, 2020 and then will be publicly opened at 308 Main Avenue and read immediately thereafter.

The project generally consists of purchasing/supplying and installing approximately 700 new water meters with an automated water meter reading system.

Bidding documents may be examined at:

City of Brandon
304 Main Avenue
Brandon, SD 57005
(605) 582-6515

Upon request, a bidder who intends, in good faith, to bid upon the project, one paper copy of the bidding documents will be furnished at no charge.

Bid shall be submitted on the prescribed form. Bids will be rejected if they show any conditions or uncalled for alternative bids. All bids shall be on the basis of cash payment according to the terms of the bidding documents.

The submittal of the Bid will constitute an incontrovertible representation by Bidder that the Bidder has examined carefully the bidding documents, visited the site, is familiar with the local conditions under which the work is to be performed, and correlated bidder's observation with the requirements of the bidding documents.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as specified in the bidding documents. Successful bidder shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the Work within the Contract Time.

The City of Brandon reserves the right to retain the bid security of the three lowest bidders 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 and all bids or any parts thereof.

Bryan Read
City Administrator, City of Brandon

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January 29 & February 5, 2020

ORDINANCE #598

AMENDING CHAPTER 6-7 AMBULANCE SERVICES OF THE BRANDON CITY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Brandon,

South Dakota, that Chapter 6-7 be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

6-7-1 BRANDON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Volunteer Fire Department of the City of Brandon provides necessary basic life support care as first responders on medical emergency calls. The Volunteer Fire Department of the City of Brandon recommends that it is a benefit to the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Brandon for surface ambulance services to be provided by experienced and qualified Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics so that excellent advanced life-support care is consistently provided to the citizens of Brandon.

6-7-2 DEFINITIONS

Whenever any of the following terms are used in the body of this Ordinance, the following meanings shall apply:

1. Advanced Life Support (ALS): The treatment of life-threatening medical emergencies through the use of techniques such as endotracheal intubation, the administration of drugs or intravenous fluids, electrocardiographic monitoring (ECG), and cardiac defibrillation by a qualified person, pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws.

2. Advanced Life Support Service: Any emergency medical transport or nontransport service which uses advanced life support techniques.

3. Air ambulance: Any fixed-wing or rotary-wing aircraft used for, or intended to be used for, air transportation of sick or injured persons requiring or likely to require medical attention during transport.

4. Air ambulance service: Any publicly or privately owned service which operates air ambulances to transport persons requiring or likely to require medical attention during transport.

5. Ambulance: Any privately or publicly owned land or water vehicle that is designed, constructed, reconstructed, maintained, equipped, or operated for, and is used for, or intended to be used for, land or water transportation of sick or injured persons requiring or likely to require medical attention during transport.

6. Basic Life Support: The treatment of medical emergencies by a qualified person through the use of techniques defined by the National Scope of Practice described in the Emergency Medical Technician Education Standards of the United States Department of Transportation. The term “basic life support” also includes other techniques which have been approved and are performed under conditions specified by rules of the State of South Dakota Department of Health or Minnehaha County. All Licensees must be staffed by two Emergency Medical Technicians on board when services are being furnished.

Basic Life Support Service: Any emergency medical service which uses only basic life support techniques.

8. Closest Available Emergency Medical Services Response Vehicle: The vehicle which is closest to the scene at the time of the call as determined by a Public Safety Answering Point through GIS mapping and is a validly licensed operator.

9. Mutual Aid Agreement: An agreement between licensed ambulance providers neighboring jurisdictions to dispatch the closest available emergency medical services response vehicle to the scene of a medical emergency within Minnehaha County.

10. City Council: The City Council of Brandon, South Dakota.

11. Credentialing: The process of authorization to any person to act as a paramedic, EMT, Dispatcher or First Responder within the County Emergency Medical Services System.

12. County Emergency Medical Services System: The system consisting of all volunteer, private and governmental Basic Life Support Services, Advanced Life Support Services, and 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and First Responder Agencies which utilize state certified emergency medical personnel under the supervision of the County Medical Director or the EMS Director.

13. Emergency Medical Condition: A medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in any of the following:

a. Serious jeopardy to patient health.

b. Serious impairment to bodily functions.

c. Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

14. Emergency Medical Dispatch: The system of emergency medical call taking designed to dispatch the appropriate level of services based on established criteria and provide pre-arrival emergency medical instructions to the caller until EMS arrives.

15. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Provider: Any basic life support service, or advanced life support service which possesses a License and engages in the business of providing emergency medical services.

16. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT): A person who has completed an

Emergency Medical Technician course and is currently certified by the South Dakota Department of Health or successor state agency, and trained in emergency medical care in accordance with standards prescribed by rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to SDCL SS 34-11-6.

17. First Response: The provision of non-transport emergency medical services designed to provide initial stabilization of patients suffering from medical conditions.

18. Ground Ambulance: A motor vehicle operated over public roadways under the jurisdiction of this state and which is in compliance with

South Dakota law and South Dakota Administrative Rule.

19. Ground Ambulance License: A license issued by the City authorizing a Licensee to provide ground ambulance services within the City. Any Licensee under this Ordinance must also be licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Dakota.

20. Licensee: The entity licensed by the City to provide Ground Ambulance Services within the City of Brandon.

21. Medical Director: A licensed physician dedicated to the provision of emergency medical services as defined by South Dakota Codified Laws, Chapter 36-4B, employed or provided under a written contract by the Licensee to supervise and accept responsibility for the medical performance of any Licensee operating within the City’s emergency medical services system. The Medical Director shall perform such duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the written contract of employment, position description, this ordinance and South Dakota Codified Law. The Medical Director provides medical control through written protocols, on-line supervision, continuing education, and quality assurance and improvement.

22. Paramedic: A person licensed by the South Dakota Board of Medical and

Osteopathic Examiners who is authorized to perform basic and advanced support, pursuant to the provisions of South Dakota Codified Laws, Chapter 36-4B.

23. Patient: A person who is in need of emergency medical treatment or emergency transportation.

24. Person: Any living being, or any corporation, partnership or other business entity.

25. Pre-Hospital: The out of hospital provision of ALS or BLS treatment and/or transport services to a patient who has a medical condition.

26. Principal of Record: The Chief Executive official of an EMS Provider.

27. Priority 1: Life threatening emergencies as designated by the Public Safety Answering Point.

28. Priority 2: Non-life threatening emergencies as designated by the Public Safety Answering Point.

29. Priority 3: Non-emergencies as designated by the Public Safety Answering Point.

30. Public Safety Answering Point: A communications center designated to receive 9-1-1 calls.

31. Response Time: The time as measured in minutes and seconds from the point the call is dispatched to the Licensee by the Emergency Medical Dispatch 911 communications center to the time the Licensee arrives to the scene of the medical call.

32. Treatment Protocols: The protocols approved by the Licensee’s Medical Director directing the assessment, treatment, and transport of patients as defined herein.

33. Transporting: Transporting a patient originating with the City of Brandon to a destination with the county.

6-7-3 LICENSE REQUIRED

Except as provided herein, no person shall operate a ground ambulance service transporting patients as defined in this ordinance from within the City, nor advertise or offer such service to the public, unless the operator of such service shall have first obtained a ground ambulance service license from the City.

Advanced EMS providers providing emergency medical care within the City of Brandon must be affiliated with a licensed ground ambulance service.

The license requirement herein shall not apply to the following:

1. A service that is transporting patients from within the City only pursuant to written mutual aid agreements with licensed providers or intercepts which agreements have been approved by the City; or

2. An entity that is providing air ambulance services.

3. Any emergency vehicle owned or directly operated by the federal or state government or any of their military services.

4. An EMS Provider licensed and qualified under South Dakota law, Minnehaha County ordinance, or municipal ordinance responding and rendering services under a current, executed written mutual aid agreement, at the request of a signatory to the mutual aid agreement during a major catastrophe when vehicles based in the locality of the catastrophe are incapacitated or insufficient in number to render the services needed.

6-7-4 PRIMARY SERVICE AREA OF LICENSEE

The license shall be for the geographic boundaries of the City of Brandon, South Dakota.

6-7-5 SECONDARY SERVICE AREA/FIRST LEVEL MUTUAL AID

Any dispatch of a Licensee by a Public Safety Answering Point to provide first level mutual aid to another Licensee shall be determined by location technology as determined by the Public Safety Answering Point with preference to the closest available Licensee.

6-7-6 LICENSE APPLICATION

An applicant for a ground ambulance license with the City shall make application in writing to the City on such form which shall be provided by the City and include such terms as required by the City. The application shall be filed with the City of Brandon’s Finance Officer Office. The application shall be verified by the person making the application and shall contain all licensure requirements required by the City and as required by South Dakota law and Administrative Rule.

6-7-7 CREDENTIALING

All Licensees, their employees and agents shall meet the licensure requirements of SDCL §§ 36-4B-17 and SDCL Ch. 34-11 and any other

applicable provision of statute. In addition, all Licensees, their employees and agents shall submit to and pass a background check approved by the City.

6-7-8 LICENSEE DUTIES

The Licensee shall:

1. Respond, as defined herein Section 6-7-2(28), to ninety (90) percent of all Priority 1 and 2 emergency calls received within eight (8) minutes and fifty-nine (59) seconds and all Priority 3 calls with sixteen (16) minutes and fifty-nine (59) seconds after receiving the call;

2. Abide by all medical protocols and quality improvement processes authorized by the Medical Director;

3. Submit data to the Medical Director for purposes of quality control;

4. Have a written contract with the Medical Director that states the duties of the Medical Director;

5. Display a copy of the license on the premises of the business at all times;

6. Provide Advanced Life Support Services consistent with the City’s requirements;

7. Be available for services Twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days per week and have the ability to maintain this requirement with sufficient call answering, staffing and vehicle availability to meet this requirement. All Licensees must be accounted for on the status board of the Public Safety Answering Point;

8. For ambulance runs when patient care and transport are occurring, have at least 90% of the time a minimum of one (1) Paramedic and one (1) Emergency Medical Technician on-board, and otherwise two (2) Emergency Medical Technicians on-board.

9. Comply with the State of South Dakota’s requirements for equipment and supplies;

10. For every run, carry such additional equipment and supplies as specified by the Medical Director or Quality Assurance Director for the ambulance service;

11. Provide quarterly reports to the Brandon City Council regarding staff training, response times, with 90th percentile averages and any other quality assurance improvements;

12. Complete an annual compliance billing audit, with random 10 chart review, on or before the renewal date and within 90 days of the initial license period, by an independent third-party administrator;

13. Comply with South Dakota law, South Dakota Administrative Rule, and any additional requirements of the Licensee’s Medical Director as to sanitation and safety, as well as any other standards as set forth therein for licensure of ambulance services and personnel;

14. Notify the City not less than Sixty (60) days prior to any change in legal status, ownership, control or shareholders of the organization, and notify the City within ten (10) days if any information contained in the application shall change or for any reason become inaccurate (failure to comply with this provision may result in suspension or revocation of any license as authorized herein);

15. As to insurance, the Licensee shall

a. Hold the City harmless from all liability for damages to persons or property arising out of the operation of the ambulance or from services performed pursuant to the license;

b. Provide comprehensive liability insurance naming the City an additional insured, with the following minimum limits:

i. Property damage of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) per incident.

ii. Personal injury for one person of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) per incident.

iii. Personal injury for one accident of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in the cumulative.

c. Have no less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence employee professional liability insurance with an annual aggregate of no less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000) or in lieu of the annual aggregate, may purchase an umbrella policy to meet the limits indicated; and

d. Have certificates of insurance showing the City as an additional insured, which shall be filed with the City within two (2) weeks after the license application has been approved.

6-7-9 COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

An application for a ground ambulance license is considered to be an agreement with and acceptance of all record-keeping requirements as required by the South Dakota Bureau of Administration — Record Management Program, or its equivalent, and other provisions of this Ordinance both now and as it may from time to time be amended in the future. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance or unsatisfactory quality assurance reviews may subject the Licensee to suspension or revocation of the license.

6-7-10 LICENSE TERM

Ground ambulance licenses are issued for a two (2) year period. Any license may be renewed one time by the City for an additional two (2) year period so long as the Licensee is in compliance with federal, state and local law and all existing application requirements and timely completes the City’s renewal form. After the expiration of either a license or renewal, any subsequent license may only be issued upon the successful completion of the City’s initial licensure procedures.

6-7-11 QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIRED

Quality assurance evaluation will set a standard that is realistic, attainable and appropriate where performance can be measured, analyzed, modified and remeasured to evaluate and improve the overall function and care provided. On a monthly basis, Licensees shall provide data and information for quality assurance purposes to the Medical Director in accordance with the business associates agreement executed by the Licensee.

Public Notices

Quality Assurance Program shall include but not be limited to: medical treatment protocol development and review; ensure and document annual skills competency for the Licensee's EMS staff; test protocol knowledge; prospective and retrospective chart and run reviews for feedback and education on all Priority 1 and 2 calls; review protocol compliance and appropriateness of treatment; and review of calls that deviated from standard protocols, cardiac arrest, chest pain, stroke, respiratory arrest, airway compromise, unconsciousness, pediatrics or trauma on a monthly basis.

6-7-12 MEDICAL DIRECTOR REQUIREMENTS

The Licensee's Medical Director shall:

1. Develop and review medical treatment protocols, provide clinical supervision, and provide quality improvement activities for daily operations and training pursuant to this Ordinance and pursuant to South Dakota law;

2. Supervise the clinical performance and training of all Licensees, the EMT's, EMTs, and Paramedics operating as part of the Licensee's Emergency Medical Services system.

3. Conduct monthly education/training, run reviews, weekly chart reviews, review high risk procedures, patient outcomes, run time compliance.

4. Provide to the City an annual report stating whether the Licensee is complaint with its submissions to the Director and delivery of quality of care required.;

5. Have a contract with the Licensee that states the duties of the Medical Director.

6. Notify the City of any material deviations from or changes to the standard protocols as set forth in the Quality Assurance Program.

6-7-13 CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidentiality of both patient and employee records shall be maintained by the ambulance service, by the Medical Director, by the City, and by the individual, or review boards designated by the City as its entity or entities for quality assurance review. These records may not be released nor may the information in them be shared with any other person, entity or governmental body without the express written consent of the patient or in compliance with the order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

6-7-14 QUALITY ASSURANCE AUDIT

The City of Brandon may appoint an individual, committee, or agency to conduct an independent audit related to quality assurance review of the Licensee's compliance with the City's ordinances and the Licensee's Quality Assurance Program. If a quality assurance audit is conducted, then the Licensee shall comply with any request for information for the review to be conducted. The quality assurance audit shall at all times comply with any state or federal laws regarding patient privacy.

6-7-15 SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSE

Any violations of this Ordinance may result in the suspension. revocation or nonrenewal of a license. Any action which may result in the suspension or revocation of the ground ambulance license by the City shall follow the procedure as provided herein and the administrative procedures required in SDCL Ch. 1-24.

6-7-16 PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSE FOR GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICES: NOTICE, HEARING AND APPEAL

In the event of a violation of federal, state, or local law or ordinance, including but not limited to this Ordinance, by any Licensee, their agents or successors, the following procedure shall be followed unless an informal disposition is agreed to by the Licensee and the City:

1. Upon receipt of a recommendation of suspension or revocation from the Medical Director or a Quality Assurance Review report, the City shall cause written notice of the recommendation to be served upon the Licensee by U.S. Mail, Certified Letter, Return Receipt Requested. The notice shall state the nature of the recommendation and the reasons for the recommendation in sufficient detail so as to allow the Licensee the ability to respond.

2. In cases of extreme risk to the citizens of the City, the notice may include an immediate order to suspend any ambulance services within the City pending further review. Any Licensee receiving notice of a recommendation of suspension or revocation, shall respond in writing within twenty-four hours from the date and time of the receipt of the notice. The response shall include any information that the Licensee believes material to the recommendation, and may include a corrective action plan for violations that the Licensee admits have occurred. Within ten (10) working days after receipt of the Licensee's written response, the Brandon City Council, with at least a quorum present, shall hold a hearing to determine whether the recommendation of suspension or revocation should be implemented. In the event the notice shall require immediate suspension of ambulance service pending City Council review, the hearing shall be held as soon as is possible, but in no event more than three (3) days after receipt of the ambulance services written response, unless the service shall request an extension of time to prepare for the hearing.

3. Written notice of the hearing on the proposed suspension or revocation of the license due to alleged violations of this Ordinance shall be served upon the Licensee at least twenty-four hours in advance of the scheduled hearing. The written notice shall comply with the provision of SDCL Ch. 1-24, the South Dakota Administrative Procedures Act, regarding contents of notice in contest-

ed cases.

4. At such hearing, opportunity shall be afforded all parties to respond and present evidence on issues of fact and argument relevant to the issues. A party to the proceeding may appear in person, or by counsel, or by both, may be present during the giving of all evidence, may have a reasonable opportunity to inspect all documentary evidence, may examine and cross-examine witnesses, may present evidence in support of his position, and may have subpoenas issued to compel the attendance of material witnesses and for the production of material evidence. All witnesses shall be sworn and there shall be a record of the proceedings kept by the City either through use of a certified court reporter or by an audio or video recording.

5. The parties may submit proposed findings of fact within one (1) week of the hearing. Objections may be submitted by either party and are due within five (5) business days after service of the proposed findings.

6. The City shall enter written findings of fact and a decision.

7. The formal record of the hearing shall include all pleadings, notices, motions, and written rulings, if any; all evidence received and considered; a statement of the issues raised by the City which were challenged by the Licensee; proposed findings of fact and decision and objections to the proposed findings of fact and decision (if any were filed); and the final findings of fact and decision of the City Council. In addition, all evidence received or offered and not received shall be maintained in the formal record of the proceedings.

8. Any final decision of the City Council shall take into consideration the totality of the evidence presented and shall be based upon a determination of what best serves the health and safety of the citizens of City of Brandon. Any final decision of the City Council may be appealed by any person aggrieved by the decision, to the Circuit Court, Second Judicial Circuit, in accordance with the statutes of the State of South Dakota. Failure of the City to issue written decision within thirty (30) days of the date of hearing shall be treated as a decision adverse to the Licensee and Licensee shall have the right of appeal from the record as it then exists.

6-7-17 ENFORCEMENT

1. Any person or entity required to be licensed under this ordinance and who conducts ground ambulance services within the City of Brandon without first obtaining a ground ambulance license, shall be guilty of a Class 2 Misdemeanor. Each and every individual act constituting a violation of this Ordinance is to be considered a separate offense. Each and every day in which an ambulance service is operated without a license in violation of this Ordinance is to be considered a separate offense.

2. The provisions of this Ordinance may be enforced by injunction or other appropriate civil proceeding or remedy authorized by law.

3. Any Licensee in violation of this ordinance is subject to suspension, revocation or nonrenewal of a license.

6-7-18 EMERGENCY POWERS

1. The City Council in consultation with the Licensee's Medical Director, may for the health, welfare and safety of its citizens or in the best interest of the City to protect the best interests of the City temporarily set aside any or all provisions of this Ordinance for such period as is necessary. This shall include but not be limited to suspending, terminating or granting licenses to providers or other acts in furtherance of the health, welfare and safety of the public.

2. If any provision of this ordinance is for any reason finally held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provision.

Adopted this 23rd day of January, 2020.

Paul Lundberg
Mayor
ATTEST:
Christina Smith
Municipal Finance Officer
(SEAL)
First Reading: November 18, 2019
Second Reading: January 20, 2020
Second Reading Reconsideration: January 23, 2020
Published: January 29, 2020
Effective Date: February 19, 2020
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January 29, 2020

— REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS —
Water Treatment Plant – Brandon, SD

The City of Brandon, South Dakota, is accepting proposals for the Water Treatment Plant until 1:00pm on February 21st, 2020. The scope of services shall include assessments of estimated future water needs, analysis of existing processes and facilities, development of upgrade options for existing facilities, development of facility expansion options, assess environmental considerations, and recommend an alternative. To request a copy of the Request for Proposal please contact Tami Jansma, City Engineer at the City of Brandon, 304 Main Avenue, PO Box 95, Brandon, SD 57005 or (605) 582-6515 ext. 4.

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January 29, 2020

— SPECIAL MEETING —
MINUTES

The Brandon City Council met in a special meeting session at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 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 J. Lundberg. Others present were:

City Administrator, Bryan H. Read; Finance Officer, Christina Smith; Police Chief, Joe Weir and City Engineer, Tami Jansma. Absent: None.

Alderman Parsons moved and Alderman Jorgenson seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

RECONSIDER SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #598

Alderman Parsons moved Alderman Jorgenson seconded to reconsider the action of approving the second reading to Ordinance #598: TITLE: AMENDING CHAPTER 6-7 AMBULANCE SERVICES OF THE BRANDON CITY CODE. A roll call vote showed David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull and Parsons aye; Clark nay. Motion carried.

AMEND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #598

Alderman Parsons moved Alderman Kull seconded to amend the second reading to Ordinance #598: TITLE: AMENDING CHAPTER 6-7 AMBULANCE SERVICES OF THE BRANDON CITY CODE. A roll call vote showed David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull and Parsons aye; Clark nay. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #598

Alderman Kull moved Alderman Jorgenson seconded to approve second reading as amended to Ordinance #598: TITLE: AMENDING CHAPTER 6-7 AMBULANCE SERVICES OF THE BRANDON CITY CODE. A roll call vote showed David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull and Parsons aye; Clark nay. Motion carried.

At 5:55p.m. on a motion by Alderwoman Clark seconded by Alderman Jorgenson the meeting was adjourned.

Christina Smith
Municipal Finance Officer
Paul J. Lundberg
Mayor
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January 29, 2020

RED ROCK TOWNSHIP
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that any township citizen wishing to run for a township office in Red Rock Township, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, must submit a petition for the office they wish to run for. At the annual meeting the first Tuesday in March, voters will elect one supervisor, one treasurer, and one clerk. Petitions are available from the township clerk and must be received by the clerk on or before February 7th, by 5 p.m., 2020.

James Andersen, Clerk
Red Rock Township
25913 485th Ave.
Valley Springs, SD 57068
Phone 605-582-3856
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January 22 & 29, 2020

NOTICE OF NAME

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS:
COUNTY OF Minnehaha
IN CIRCUIT COURT
2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of the Petition regarding Destini AnnaLynn Hoff For a Change of Name to Destini AnnaLynn Shumate

CIV: 20-273

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD (UNCONTESTED)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Verified Petition for Name Change of a Minor Child has been filed by Danielle Renee Shumate the object and prayer of which is to change their minor child's name from Destini AnnaLynn Hoff to Destini AnnaLynn Shumate. On the 3rd day of March, 2020, at the hour of 11:00 am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Robin Houwman Presiding, at the Court Room in the 6A Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any interested party may come and appear at the time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2020 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Angela M. Gries
Clerk of Court
By: Dawn Olson
Deputy
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January 29, February 5, 12 & 19, 2020

MINNEHAHA COUNTY
MINUTES

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENED AT 9:00 A.M. January 21, 2020, pursuant to adjournment on January 14, 2020. Commissioners present were: Barth, Bender, Beninga, and Karsky. Commissioner Heiberger was absent. Also present were Olivia Larson, Commission Recorder, and Margaret Gillespie, Senior Deputy State's Attorney.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Karsky, to approve the agenda. 4 ayes.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Beninga, to approve the January 10, 2020, Special Commission Minutes. 4 ayes.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Beninga, to amend the January 14, 2020, Commission Minutes to correct the spelling of two names, the listing of two job titles, and the listing of a university in the Refugee Resettlement Item 10. 4 ayes.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Karsky, to approve the January 14, 2020, Commission Minutes as amended. 4 ayes.

VOUCHERS TO BE PAID

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Karsky, to approve the following bills

totaling \$2,824,607.37. 4 ayes.

A&B Business Lease-Rental Agmt 65.95, A&B Business Maint Contracts 391.83, A-1 Pumping & Excav Teat-Ellis Range 150.00, Abn Army Surplus Uniform Allowance 210.00, Active Generations Advertising 47.00, Ada County Crths Copy Fees 7.00, Airgas USA Lease-Rental Agmt 63.07, Airway Svc Auto/Small Equip 185.12, Airway Svc Gas Oil & Diesel 134.16, Anderson, Jennifer Bd Evals Minnehaha 1,477.50, Angel, Edward P Attorney Fees 2,115.85, Argus Leader Subscriptions 29.10, Argus Leader Media Publishing Fees 1,724.06, Armor Correctional Contract Svcs 74,393.91, Ashley Trankle Education & Training 30.00, Automatic Building Jail Repairs & Maint 148.98, Automatic Building JDC Maint 240.00, Avera McKennan Blood Withdrawal 154.40, Avera McKennan Hospitals 5,914.28, Avera McKennan Other Medical Svcs 847.67, Avera McKennan Professional Svcs 987.15, Avera McKennan Psych Evals 1,750.00, Axis Forensic Toxicco Lab Costs 150.00, Bara, Elizabeth Welfare Rent 750.00, Boyer Ford Trucks Truck Repairs & Maint 75.04, 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REPORTS

The December 2019 Register of Deeds Official Statement of Revenue Report was received and placed on file in the Auditor's Office.

PERSONNEL

MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Beninga, to approve the following personnel changes. 4 ayes.

New Hires

1. Jessica Lichty, Digital Discovery Technician for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$20.96/hour (14/2) effective 1/22/20.

Step Increases

1. Korey Dosch, Appraiser for Equalization, at \$28.90/hour (15/13) effective 1/28/20.

2. Christopher Lilla, Equalization Director for Equalization, at \$3,432.00/biweekly (24/3) effective 1/7/20.

3. Heather Irwin, Senior Elections Technician for Elections, at \$23.14/hour (12/10) effective 1/2/20.

4. Keith Wynia, Air Guard Supervisor for the Air Guard, at \$32.69/hour (16/16) effective 1/19/20.

5. Nathan Staton, JC/OI/Community Supervision Monitor for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$26.83/hour (12/16) effective 12/27/19.

APPOINTMENT

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Karsky, to approve Resolution MC20-07, Appointment of Minnehaha County State's Attorney. By roll call vote: 4 ayes. Crystal Johnson, State's Attorney, thanked the Commission for the appointment, spoke on her years of service, and spoke on looking forward to moving the office forward.

RESOLUTION MC20-07

APPOINTMENT OF MINNEHAHA COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Minnehaha County State's Attorney's elected office became vacant on December 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge of the 2nd Circuit of the South Dakota Unified Judicial System appointed an interim acting attorney for the State's Attorney's Office effective December 6, 2019 per SDCL 7-16-2; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is responsible to fill

by appointment vacancies in county offices per SDCL 3-4-3 (2);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that it hereby appoints Crystal Johnson to serve as the Minnehaha County State's Attorney, effective January 21st, 2020, and shall serve until January 5, 2021 at such time as the swearing in of the State's Attorney elected by Minnehaha County voters on November 3, 2020.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2020

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Jean Bender
Chairman
ATTEST: Bob Litz, Auditor
Olivia Larson
Deputy Auditor
BRIEFING

Lyne Keller Forbes, South Eastern Council of Governments Executive Director, gave a presentation on the South Eastern Council of Governments (SECOG) highlighting the following areas: the structure of SECOG, 2019 revenues, project development and funding applications, 2019 secured funding and return on investment, land use regulation tools, coordination of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the South Eastern Development Foundation, and Dakota Business Finance.

AGREEMENT

Drew DeGroot, Senior Deputy State's Attorney, presented a Blood Draw Services Agreement between Minnehaha County and Paragon Health & Wellness, LLC (Paragon). Testpoint Paramedical, LLC, the former vendor, changed ownership and is now named Paragon. Through the agreement, Paragon would provide on-call blood draw services at the Minnehaha County Jail for inmates and those brought to the corrections facilities. The following rates would apply: request for on-call blood draw services that is successfully fulfilled at \$120.00 each; if request for services is cancelled after arrival at the facility there is a \$60.00 fee; court-related appearance at \$120.00 each; and if court-related appearance is cancelled after arrival there is a fee of \$60.00. These professional services are exempt from the bidding process under SDCL § 5-18A-1. MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Karsky, to authorize the State's Attorney to sign the Blood Draw Services Agreement between Minnehaha County and Paragon Health & Wellness, LLC ending on October 21, 2020, with automatic one-year renewals. 4 ayes.

SURPLUS

Pam Nelson, Treasurer, requested the surplus of thirteen POS Cash Register Systems all under Asset #1145. New registers were purchased from Retail Data Systems Inc., who was willing and able to properly dispose of the old registers at no cost to the County. MOTION by Barth, seconded by Karsky, to declare Asset #1145 (13) POS Cash Register System as surplus for the purpose of disposal through Retail Data Systems Inc. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Carol Muller, Commission Administrative Officer, gave a report of the 2020 Legislative Session highlighting bills that impact Minnehaha County. Ms. Muller explained that Craig Dewey, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, is working with Senator Wayne Steinhauer to gather co-sponsors for a local option bed, board, and booze tax bill.

LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Karsky reported on last week's joint meeting of the Minnehaha County and Lincoln County Economic Development Associations. The Associations are actively searching for a new executive director.

Commissioner Barth reported on a session he attended in Pierre with legislators, the rural water systems, and the water development districts. Commissioner Barth reported on concerns regarding comments made by a legislator during the session who spoke on not being in support of the replacement of bridges and gravel roads.

Commissioner Beninga reported that the Sioux Empire Fair Board Audit Report has been released. The audit came out clean with minor issues.

Commissioner Bender reported on meeting with DJ Buthe, Highway Superintendent, last week. The Highway Department is doing a large amount of work to maintain County roads, as well as future planning. They work collaboratively with other entities such as the Urbanized Development Commission and the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Commission Bender noted that, due to the freeze/thaw cycle, people should expect some pot hole issues in the Spring.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Beninga, to recess the Minnehaha County Commission Meeting at 9:35 a.m. 4 ayes.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Karsky, to reconvene the Minnehaha County Commission Meeting at 9:44 a.m. 4 ayes.

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

MOTION by

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and are getting creative with it, and it's been really fun to see," she said

Each grade was challenged with either architectural design or the engineering process, Skibsted explained.

Kindergarteners, for example, talked about playground equipment. Based on the playground at FAE, they provided suggestions on how they would add to or improve upon the equipment.

First graders were tasked with what could be added to the community surrounding the future elementary school. Their visions came to life in model cities the youngsters created using empty milk cartons, construction paper, Duct tape and of course, their imaginations.

Second-graders had a hands-on approach to the school-wide project.

"They went out and actually surveyed the playground to see how many kids could fit on the equipment to see if we need more equipment than we have here, which helped the kindergarteners out," Skibsted said. "They also had some say in things they would add once they surveyed the playground and determined how many people they could have on the monkey bars or the slides, for example."

Finally, FAE third graders discussed a room that is needed in the third-grade wing.

"They focused on the room and why they would need it," Skibsted said.

And fourth grade, they took the unit to the next level with actual blueprints and calculating related costs.

The STEM unit kicked off with classroom visits by two architects from Architecture Incorporated, the Sioux Falls firm that is designing Sparta Elementary.

"They came in and started the whole project," Nelson explains. "They showed the kids images from the new school, brought in their VR goggles to give them an inside look, and then helped them start their blueprints."

The students, Nelson said, were fully engaged from day one "and they had many questions," she added.

Along with designing space for music rooms, a gymnasium, classrooms, bathrooms and more, students were also tasked with researching costs for the planned amenities.

That led to some surprises.

"I think the biggest discovery for both myself and the kids would be cost," Nelson said. "That has been a big 'aha' moment for them. They think they want water slides or this or that, but then it comes down to 'Oh, no, that costs a lot of money.'"

The students also learned about teamwork.

"This has been a challenge for them, not only the project itself, but working together and making decisions together. That's a big part of the project itself is just the process and working together," Skibsted said.

A team of students in N-elle Sunne's classroom proposed an eight-person hot tub and a chlorine-treated swimming pool with lanes that would require just one lifeguard.

Their reasoning for the sole guard: "The pool's not that big and there won't be that many people in the pool at the same time."



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Fred Assam Elementary first graders put their imaginations to work to create the community they envision surrounding the district's forthcoming elementary school, Sparta Elementary.

Another group developed the idea, "Stuff for snow" that would provide boxes of winter boots, hats, gloves, etc., for kids in need of them during school recess time. They estimated the cost of the storage boxes and the boots, hats, gloves, etc., at \$19,829.

Dr. Larson questioned what the material the boxes would be made from and how the items would be accounted for. Again, the kids were quick to answer: The boxes, would be made from plastic materials because cardboard can break easier and it can get wet and they would be red and black in color. Security cameras, they added, would keep watch over the boxes and content.

"I appreciate your utilization of the school colors – Lynx pride, good job!" Larson complimented.

An idea for a 'nurse junior room' proposed by a team in



Students in Sarah Harte's class explain their blueprint for a stress relief room and nurse junior room.

Sarah Harte's fourth-grade classroom piqued Lundberg's interest, so much so, he told them, "You know, that's kind of a good idea. I might keep that one in mind."

"That's what I told the kids," Skibsted said. "I told them, 'You never know. They might like something.'"

With the nurse's office overcrowded at times, the nurse junior room would give students a room to wait in until their parents pick ed them up from school.

The idea of a stress reief room wasn't totally out of the question, Lundberg said, explaining the library in the

new elementary school potentially be outfitted with couches and comfy chairs.

"Maybe," he stressed, "that will be my compromise."

Another group offered up the idea of an auditorium, complete with dressing rooms and bathrooms and an

access door to the football field.

They estimated the price tag at \$753,000.

"Auditoriums are very expensive, guys," he said, "and that one will be hard to do in elementary schools. I'm probably not going to get you an auditorium, but I'll see what I can do about the football field. I'll try to do my best to try and incorporate some of their suggestions, even the big dream items like a hot tub. They're very expensive, they're more expensive teachers."

Skibsted said it was important for the students to receive feedback from administrators on their building blueprints and ideas for the new school.

"The students are very creative. Like I said, they have an imagination, and they actually do have some very great ideas and input for their school. It helps them take ownership of it and to have an audience, someone who they think is important come in and listen to their ideas, I think that's important. I also think it's important they have great questions. Paul Lundberg challenges them in a different way and Dr. Larson had great questions as well, things that maybe I wouldn't think of, and so they see it from a different perspective."

The STEM unit also piqued a few kids' interest in pursuing careers in architecture and engineers.

"I heard one say, 'Well, I want to be an architect now.' And I'm like, yeah! Goal achieved," Skibsted said.

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Junior Good Neighbor Award

At 13 years of age, Jaydn Ramazani has a huge heart for mankind.

This past year, the Brandon teen raised money by selling spritz cookies that she bakes.

And, she's baked a lot of the mouth-watering goodies.

The profits, however, aren't going into her piggy bank. Instead, Jaydn purchases gifts for veterans at Helping Hands and baking supplies to keep her kind deeds going. At Christmas, she gave each veteran socks, candies and fruit, which she purchased from her cookie sales money. She also makes a point to visit with each resident.

She plans to repeat the kind gesture at Valentine's Day, too.

"It makes me so happy because their smiles make me happier than anything else," Jadyn shares.

Orders for Jadyn's cookies can be placed via her mom's Facebook page, @KerryAlhassan. She also sells them during the seasonal Brandon Farmers Market.

Along with baking, this well-spoken Junior Good Neighbor is involved in soccer, volleyball, basketball and pageantry.

JAYDN RAMAZANI
JANUARY 2020

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City momentum



Work progresses last fall on the Holly Boulevard Crossing just west of the Sioux Boulevard intersection.

Jill Meier/BV Journal

Here it comes: Core Area reconstruction

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Fact: The roads and infrastructure in Brandon's core area have long outlived their useful life.

Fact: The roads and infrastructure in Brandon's core area will be replaced starting this year.

Fact: The core area reconstruction project will occur over the next four to five years, and property owners are sure to be inconvenienced at some point during the process.

Fact: Phase one is now in the bidding process.

The massive reconstruction project will begin on the west side of the core and will be addressed in several phases.

"The city is being pretty aggressive in the amount of work that they want to get done every year," said Paul Sanow, project engineer with HDR. "When the requests for proposals initially came out, the goal was to be done in 2025, and so that's five years' worth of construction and about 36,000 feet – approximately 70 blocks of construction. From a scale size of the project, it's quite a bit bigger than the projects we were doing in Sylvan Circle."

Sanow explained project phases will be determined by utilities.

"Naturally, it has drainage basins where we have to start at the bottom and work our way up, and some of that is based on budget funding for these projects, too. We can stop in a logical location where we can design it and do the cost estimation of it, and if it looks like it's going to be bigger than what the city can budget or fund, we can cut things back," he said.

Storm sewer is also tied into the reconstruction endeavors. Sanow said it makes sense to improve sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer, and drain-

age improvements when endeavors of this magnitude are addressed.

"We will take a look at all of the areas that have drainage issues and try to take care of those," he said.

Valley gutters, which are necessary, will be included in the design.

Sidewalks

Although a large chunk of the core area do not have sidewalks, city administration is placing a heavy emphasis on adding those into the design process.

"When the city wrote the request for proposal, it was pretty clear that sidewalks are a key component of that project," Sanow said. "We look at connectivity within the community and we always discuss safety. This area, especially with the connections to the schools and the park, becomes something the city should take a look at."

Brandon Mayor Paul Lundberg and city engineer Tami Jansma both said some homeowners have expressed dissatisfaction to the idea.

"Sidewalks are a key component of this whole project. It's got to happen," said Lundberg. "This place is going to be demoed, it's going to be demolished and it would be irresponsible on the part of a city council or a city, in general, to not seriously look at the sidewalk issue in that area."

Sanow said the proposal incorporates shared use paths.

"We currently have them on Holly and Aspen, and so adding a connection between Holly and Aspen with a shared-use path through that core area is in one of those phases. We've also talked about Fourth Avenue and Sixth Avenue. Fourth has a pedestrian crossing on Holly and Sixth Avenue has a controlled intersection, so from a logistics standpoint, those two locations make sense," he said.

It's likely the shared use paths would be paid for and maintained by the city, not the property owner, he added.

Sidewalks are also a Brandon standard now.

"New developments are required to have sidewalks, and this is one of three neighborhoods out of 15 to 20 neighborhoods that doesn't have sidewalks," Sanow said.

Lundberg knows the project won't please everyone.

"The committee has discussed all options, and as with anything, there's whatever number of committee members, there's that many opinions. What we have to be careful of as city leaders is not to get caught up in the 'muck,' and what I mean by that is we have to look down the road, look at the whole project. We can't get caught up in the detail if a tree is going to be able to stay there," Lundberg said.

Narrower streets

Streets in the core area are also expected to narrow from 37 feet to 33 feet, the standard size of residential streets.

"Whether there's parking on one side or both sides, the function of that traffic driving down that street doesn't necessarily change," Sanow said. "For the most part, when people drive through residential areas, they'll stop and let a car drive through that area whenever you have cars parked on both sides."

Narrowing the streets – built with more gravel and thicker asphalt – equates to approximately \$800,000 less in construction costs.

"That's just the upfront savings," Sanow said. "It's also less money and time for the city to maintain long-term."

Lundberg said that savings will be re-invested in a higher-quality road system.

Brandon's sales tax revenue on the rise

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

City staff and leaders are delighted but not necessarily surprised to see Brandon bring in \$400,000 beyond what was anticipated in sales tax revenue for 2019.

The city surpassed the best-guess budget for several consecutive years, with gradual increases since 2015, according to finance officer Christina Smith.

For 2019, city planners budgeted \$2.9 million in sales tax and received \$3.3 million.

The city has to complete its budget by September each year, which makes it difficult to predict what sales tax will be, Smith added.

"We tend to be conservative on sales tax because of this, but we have increased the budget over the years to reflect the increases we are seeing," she explained. "Since this sales tax is unpredictable, I would much rather have the budget lower and bring in more than the opposite."

The city forecasted for \$2.7 million in sales tax revenue in 2018 and reaped \$3.2 million, an even bigger increase than the 2019 figure. In 2017, Brandon administration predicted \$2.6 million and collected \$2.9 million.

"Sales tax is unpredictable and moves with the economy," Smith said. "We have seen a growth in businesses over the last few years, which helps our sales tax grow."

Two cents of every dollar spent in Brandon goes into the city's general fund. In recent years, Smith said, the city is funneling more sales tax revenue into capital im-



provements projects.

The Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce helps spur local spending, too, with its "Buy Brandon" campaign and \$5 Challenge. The Chamber also sponsors Shop Small Saturday every November and holds a business expo in conjunction with the Pigskin Classic.

Chuck Parsons is president of the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I'd like to think all of that plays into how we have a good business climate," said Parsons. "If you think over the past year, I'm confident that we've got a good business climate, because we keep having new businesses open up."

Brandon is attractive to retailers in part, he added, because of its interstate access and centrally-located schools.

The city issued 44 commercial building permits in 2019 for a total valuation of nearly \$4 million, compared to 35 commercial permits in 2018.

City dips into water rebates, park plans in '19

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Progress in the city of Brandon was widespread in 2019, ranging from redesigning the city website to addressing major water infrastructure needs. Here's a rundown of what the city accomplished over the past 12 months:

- Brandon's Water Vision 2070 study was completed by AE2S. Recommendations from the study included relying on the current well water sources rather than pursue alternative suppliers like Minnehaha Rural Water Corp., developing more wells in the Big Sioux and Splitrock aquifers and pursuing more stringent options for treating the city's water to lower radium and hardness.

- After months of planning, meetings with 660 residents and gathering ideas on more than 4,000 sticky notes, the Empower Brandon group hosted its first community meeting in late April at the high school.

The strategic planning initiative involves forming committees, sharing ideas for improvements and working to make those changes. About a dozen committees were born out

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Voters approved a \$17 million school bond for Sparta Elementary Sept. 10. The school is expected to open in 2021. Jill Meier/BV Journal

Voters say yes to Sparta Elementary

A small majority of voters in the Brandon Valley School District said “Yes for Kids,” approving the \$17 million bond Sept. 10 that will fund construction of a new K-4 elementary school and land purchase for a future intermediate school.

Of the district’s 14,787 eligible voters, a mere 1,214 or 8.2 percent, cast their ballot. The bond was overwhelmingly approved 1,085-129.

The district plans to open bids for Sparta Elementary in February, beginning construction in the spring and continuing into 2021. Opening is planned for the fall of that same year.

Last July, Brandon Valley’s Board of Education approved the purchase of two parcels of land for forthcoming schools in the Sioux Falls portion of the school district.

By unanimous vote, the board agreed to purchase approximately 20 acres at approximately \$45,000 per acre from the Krull Family Partnership. The Krull property is located directly south of 41st Street and Sparta, where the district has plans to build its next elementary school.

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School Successes in 2019

From bond issues to growing enrollment, the Brandon Valley School District saw a significant progress over the past 12 months. Examples included:

- The Brandon Valley Board of Education approved \$840,000 in new staff hires for the fall of 2019.
- The district added 11 full-time teachers, including three at the elementary level, two at the high school, two at Brandon Valley Intermediate School and four at Brandon Valley Middle School.
- Brandon Valley High School converted an empty lot into approximately 100 parking spaces to ease congestion at the landlocked school and adopted a new parking system to encourage carpooling.
- You might say the Brandon Valley School District is good at guessing enrollment. Four days into the 2019-20 school year, the district was up 183 students, compared to its projected increase of 175 and a districtwide total of approximately 4,435 students.

- The Brandon Valley School District was once again named the No. 1 school district in South Dakota by niche.com.
- Despite Brandon Valley’s summer lunch program being trimmed by five days compared to 2018, more meals were plated throughout the 38-day program in 2019. In fact, the program realized an 11 percent increase, which was one of the many impressive numbers BV child nutrition director Gay Anderson shared with the board of education on Aug. 12.
- Brandon Valley students perform well above the state average in the classroom, according to the District Report Card released by the South Dakota Department of Education in September.

Across the district, Brandon Valley students scored 20 percentage points above the state average in math, 18 points above in English and 17 points above in science, ranking BVSD as a top AA district for the 7th consecutive year.



A rendering of Sparta Elementary resembles Fred Assam Elementary in design. Photo: Architecture Inc.

- The Brandon Valley School District explored telemedicine by piloting Avera’s eCare program at Valley Springs Elementary. “Telemedicine” is a two-way video conference between a student, a BV staff member and an Avera RN. The goal is simple, said Supt. Dr. Jarod Larson – to improve students’ access to a nurse and care.
- Brandon Valley High School held its first career fair.
- The school district implemented a 5 percent salary increase across-the-board for all employees.
- The school board reinstated president Renee Ulom for another term and welcomed Gregg Talcott as a new member.
- Brandon Valley Middle School wrapped up its first year of 1-to-1 technology for students.

BVSD begins offering paid apprenticeships to students

Four high school students at Brandon Valley are currently earning a paycheck by working part-time, yet continuing to learn full-time and earn credits toward their diplomas.

The unique learning experience is being made possible as the district delves into paid apprenticeships, much different from BVHS’s former internship program. Paid apprenticeships, BV Superintendent Dr. Jarod Larson explained, is a three-hour time commitment of the student’s school day, while the previous internship program had students spending only an hour of their day at a Brandon business.

“One hour was not enough time,” Larson said. “It was more of a burden than a benefit to the business.”

Under the paid apprenticeship plan, the goal is to provide Brandon Valley High School students with authentic learning experiences, Larson said. And one of the key components of the

district’s strategic plan is to promote student college and career readiness through the development of paid apprenticeship opportunities.

Earlier this month, Larson and BVHS principal Mark Schlekeway attended a conference on paid apprenticeship programs. Upon their return, Larson said they learned the district “is going down the right path.”

Administrators now want to expand the program beyond the four apprenticeships that are currently in place. And to be able to do that, the school district is working in partnership with the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce to coordinate an event where Chamber members can learn more about how a paid apprentice can positively affect their business – and bottom line.

Larson said engaging businesses with paid apprenticeships also serves as an avenue to strengthen communi-

ty partnerships, all while helping BV students acquire and refine key workplace readiness skills.

The work-based learning experiences helps students make informed decisions about their post-high school career. One example, Larson said, is the BVHS senior the district working as an education assistant at a BV elementary school. The student intends to pursue an elementary education degree following high school.

The BVACC recently added a new committee to its lineup, the Career Discovery Committee, which will work hand in hand with the district on the apprenticeship program. This committee is being headed up by Daemon Coughlin.

Adam Rothenberger, who teaches business/marketing/economics/personal finance at BVHS, is in charge of the paid apprenticeship program.

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Brandon Ice Cats hockey group fundraises for indoor rink

The Brandon Valley Hockey Association is actively fundraising to build an indoor rink.

A location in Aspen Park has been tentatively earmarked for the rink, and the BVHA is hoping fundraising will be successful enough to break ground on the building in 2020.

“Our families clearly want it. Our community wants it,” said Sarah Rasmussen, BVHA board member.

And Great Plains Sponsorships plans to help make it happen.

The BVHA partnered with GPS in 2019 to secure naming rights to the new indoor rink and six to eight founding sponsors.

“It’s an opportunity that doesn’t come knocking every day,” said Ryan Patrick, who’s marketing the BVHA throughout the Sioux Empire and nationally.

The proposed facility will be 37,000 square feet and cost an estimated \$8.2 million. Patrick envisions it with a sponsored mezzanine, space for private hospitality events, open skating and even curling.

More than \$2 million is out in proposals currently, he said, and he hopes to secure the naming rights partner this fall. Sponsorships will be negotiable, he added – “made-to-measure” for the companies waiting to snap them up.

“People want a piece of Brandon,” Patrick said. “It’s open for the taking right now. Everybody wants a little bit of that market share.”



Swimming lesson students practice kicking on the side of the city pool last summer.

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Park & rec progress

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From pickleball to plans for pool improvements, parks and rec progress in 2019 included:

- The city commissioned a master plan of Aspen Park by ISG, a local engineering firm, and held two public forums to gather feedback and ideas. The plan presented potential options for making the most of the 40 acres of park space, including a dog park, additional ball fields and an indoor hockey rink.
- The city commissioned an RFP for a splash pad at the public pool and approved a motion to allocate \$1.6 million in pool improvements to be made in the fall of 2020.
- “That’s one I’ve tried real hard to get some action on,” said mayor Paul Lundberg. “I think it’s very evident that the citizens of Brandon want improvements to the pool.” Those improvements will start in the fall of 2020 and include a splash pad, bigger slides and more concreted lounging space in the parameter.
- The Brandon Municipal Golf Course marked 40 years in 2019, and gained new management. Andrew Bauer, who previously held the role of assistant golf pro/manager, succeeded Zane Swenson.
- Pickleball picks up popularity in Brandon – so much so that the city created four new pickleball courts and painted a pickleball playing surface at the Aspen Park tennis courts in August.
- Brandon, a Tree City, U.S.A. community, recognized that status and Arbor Day in November with the planting of eight trees at the sitting area north of the water tower. The Lion Den from Cub Scout Pack 582 assisted city park supervisor Devin Coughlin with the ceremonial planting. The trees were compliments of Modern Woodmen.

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BVBA scores 2020 Legion tourney

If you build it, they will come.

Brandon – and the Brandon Valley Baseball Association – built it, and this year, for the very first time, the Class A State American Legion Baseball Tournament will be played in Brandon.

Securing the state tournament in just their first attempt, no one was more surprised by the good fortune than the BVBA membership themselves.

“When we announced (construction of) the field, our ultimate goal was to get the state Legion tournament. We thought it was going to take three to four bids before they finally gave it to us, and that was their recommendation, too,” BVBA president Stuart Peschel explained. “But we applied one year and we got it.”

“It’s our first try and we’re impressed,” adds Rick Larsen, commander of sponsoring Legion Post 131, Charles R. Doman. “Working together, we accomplished this.”

State Legion baseball tournaments are typically held in Sioux Falls, Mitchell, Rapid City, and Pierre. Aberdeen and Watertown have also hosted in recent years.

And in 2020, Brandon joins the list.

“The Legion celebrated 100 years last year and have been involved with baseball since 1953, and so having a long-time Legion partner, I think helped,” Peschel said. “They’re dedicated (to the mission), they’re dedicated to baseball and they do a lot of great things for Valley Springs.”

Peschel adds the finished product – First National Bank Stadium @ Aspen Park – was largely the reason state Legion officials awarded the 2020 tournament to Brandon.

“The field is beautiful and we’ve heard that over and over from multiple people,” Peschel said. “Teams want to play here, and not only that, but the success Coach (Jeremy) Van Heel has had at the high school and the Legion levels has brought some focus toward Brandon. People are thinking, ‘What’s going on in Brandon?’ They’re baseball players, too. They won a state tournament last year and came in third in the Legion tournament, so I think’s there’s a renewed focus on what we’re doing in Brandon.”

Amenities, including hotels, gas stations and restaurants were positives in luring tournament officials to select Brandon.

“What we have to offer here for amenities – hotels, gas stations, restaurants – we’re not just a little bump on the interstate; we can offer everything people need when visiting,” Peschel said.

The BVBA took over Legion baseball operations from the veteran’s organization in November 2002, but have continued to work closely with the sponsoring Post. Peschel said the BVBA and Legion will partner in the planning of the 2020 tournament, along with enlisting help from the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Brandon.

“We want to develop a plan on how we can be the best state tournament host in the history of the state,” Peschel said.

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The business scene in '19

Business flourished in the Brandon area in 2019, with 44 commercial building permits that added up to nearly \$4 million in new property valuation.

Last year’s commercial landscape also included plenty of moving and shaking that didn’t require a permit.

Let’s take a look at the progress of the business scene in 2019:

- Cindy Taylor and Brock Byington opened a pet salon, the Groom Room, on Holly Boulevard in April.
- Gypsy Trading Co. sponsored Brandon’s first outdoor makers festival, McHardy Market, featuring dozens of area artisans selling everything from furniture, antiques and knickknacks to bath bombs and jewelry. The April event was held at McHardy Park and is returning again this spring, according to organizer Ellison Cutrer. She’s backing the date up, however, to the first weekend in May.
- A new convenience store, grill and casino, Broadway Gas & Grill, opened in Valley Springs, giving locals there a place to buy milk, bread and other essentials without leaving the city.
- Woodworker, welder and builder extraordinaire Lisa Hokenstad opened an interior design consulting business, LH Design, in the lobby of Family, Floors & Furniture.
- After two years and one winter as a holiday pop-up shop on wheels, The Paisley Pod decided to settle into a storefront boutique. Owner Chrystal Rothenberger opened in the Holly Crossing plaza in June and has been making the most of her new location with lots of unique sales, private parties,



Kaleb and Haley Lindsey-Stevens are the owners of The Drop Nutrition, a smoothie and tea bar which opened in September at 1302 E. Rushmore Drive.

and of course, that friendly hometown customer service.

- The Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce launched a monthly lunchtime series for member businesses, “On the Menu.” Brandon police chief Joe Weir spoke at the first event in June. Follow-up presentors have included BVHS Principal Mark Schleke-way, South Dakota State head football coach John Stiegelmeier, and Sheila Gestring, president of the University of South Dakota. Local entrepreneur Rebekah Scott is on tap for February.
- Feature film animator and children’s book illustrator Lamont Hunt opened Tally-Ho Art Gallery at 1324 E. Cedar Street.
- Two local businesses gained new ownership. Jason Albertson and Paul Ode took over the Double D Saloon from Mark Fonder, while Mark Anderson pur-

chased the Brandon Steakhouse from longtime owner Bob Miller.

- Alliance Communications broke ground in July on its new Brandon facility in the Alliance Plaza. The co-op relocated to its new home in January of 2020.
- Curt Wrightsman opened The Wright Vacs at 101 N. Splitrock Blvd. in July. The shop is in the space formerly occupied by Verizon Wireless, which moved to the larger unit right next door.
- Avera purchased three acres on the corner of Splitrock and Aspen boulevards from landowner Alliance Communications in the new Alliance Plaza. An Avera spokesman said there were no plans yet for developing the land.
- Beautique expanded its footprint with the construction of a 10,000-square foot warehouse that includes space for merchandise and

photo shoots.

- The patriarch and matriarch of two longtime staples in Brandon – Sunshine Foods and Tony’s Catering – parted ways with the businesses they first started 43 years ago. In August, Tony and Pam Bosch passed on ownership of the local grocery store and catering business to a team of well-recognized partners. The new owners are Dan Roemen, Craig Bosch, Dee Millington and Chad Padgett.
- Kaleb and Haley Lindsey-Stevens opened a

smoothie and tea bar, The Drop Nutrition, at 1302 E. Rushmore Dr.

- Steve Tripp and Amy Olson-Miller, partners of McKinneyOlson Insurance Group, acquired The Insurance Connection, a longtime business located along Minnesota Avenue, from Oscar and Lori DeVries. The acquisition allows Tripp and Olson-Miller to offer a wider range of insurance services.
- Agassiz Seed & Supply, a regional wholesale seed and agricultural sup-

ply company with locations in West Fargo and Mandan, N.D., and Eagan, Minn., expanded operations with a fourth location in the Corson Industrial Park.

- A video lottery, Dakota Star Casino, opened Sept. 5 in a quiet, comfortable space in the Cedar Plaza at 1320 E. Cedar St. They took over the space that Lisa Hokenstad had her home décor and consulting business in before moving into Family Floors & Furniture.
- The new Brandon Post Office opened in Alliance Plaza on Aspen Blvd.
- Libby Burns opened a photography studio in her name – Libby Burns Photography – in a commercial space at 308 Holly Blvd. The Brandon wife and mom specializes in newborn, family and senior graduation photography.
- Eric Anderson launched Turd Nerds, a home-based business clearing yards of pet waste, dog walking and performing other pet services. He’s presently securing clients for spring clean-ups and beyond.
- Billy Cutrer officially brewed up his first sale at Kingbird Coffee on Jan. 1, 2020, when Brandon’s second sit-down coffee shop opened in the Brandon Retail Center along Splitrock Boulevard.



Tony and Pam Bosch (middle) sold the Brandon Sunshine Foods and Tony’s Catering in August to longtime business partners Craig Bosch (from left), Dee Millington, Chad Padgett and Dan Roemen.

Longtime Sunshine owners sell to partners

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“You want to know why I’m selling? One

reason: Her,” Tony said pointing to Pam. “She has put her dues in and feels obligated when I go catering, that she should go, too. It’s good that we’ve done everything in our life together, and everything I have, I owe to her, and she tells me that every day.”

Tony adds the timing is right.

“The Sunshine group is doing well and these guys will do wonderful. This should be a seamless deal; they (patrons) won’t even know we’re gone. We won’t be here

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Valley Springs eyes development, infrastructure upgrades

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Rod Kuipers is in the process of purchasing more than 30 acres of land in Valley Springs that he intends to turn into a residential and commercial district.

The local developer shared plans with Valley Springs commissioners Jan. 14 to gain feedback on his idea, which includes opening a development for 60 to 80 homes south east of the West Acres Addition along Valley Drive. The plan also shows potential for shopping plazas along the highway.

“It’s probably a five- to 10-year buildout plan,” Kuipers said. “My pockets are not real deep. If we can get it done, I’d like to work with the city to benefit both – get a good, viable development to bring more

people into the city.”

Kuipers inquired about assistance from the city in connecting the development to water and sewer.

“There’s plenty of capacity on that (sewer) line, that’s for sure,” public works superintendent Ryan Nussbaum assured.

Kuipers hopes to start dirt work this spring and summer and follow up in the fall with water, sewer, curb and gutter. Building and paving would take place in the spring of 2021.

“We’re going to open this up to any and all builders, too, and do it in phases,” he said. “I want to make sure everything works for us and for the city.”

Kuipers said he recently built a home that sold for \$334,000 before it even hit the market, and last year he received two to three inquiries per month about available housing in Valley Springs.

“We’ve definitely increased the market value of Valley Springs,” he added. “I think it’s a good opportunity for growth for the city.”

The commission suggested contacting the South Eastern Council of Governments for possible assistance.

“We’ll have to get ahold of some people here,” added mayor Carl Moss.

The city of Valley Springs is also about to embark on a \$3.38 million water and sewer

project.

The city is looking at a \$3.38 million project to replace water and sewer mains along Cliff Avenue, Valley and Dunham drives.

However, the project isn’t anticipated until 2021, and how much water and sewer rates increase, will depend on how much funding the project receives from the state.

This past fall, city leaders submitted an application for funding to the Board of Water and Natural Resources.

They expect to be notified of the request in late March.

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of the gathering, and those committees have continued to meet monthly. Brandon’s two-year contract with Dakota Resources continues in 2020.

- The intersection at Holly and Sioux boulevards closed Aug. 12 for five weeks for total reconstruction, with traffic detoured to Madison Street and Highway 11. Water, sewer and storm sewer infrastructure was upgraded.
- The city addressed water quality by replacing the media filter at its treatment plant. Brandon also began developing well 8 to ensure redundancy in its water system.
- Residents began seeing “Water Smarter” throughout

the community. The volunteer-led water conservation committee also helped establish a rebate program for water conservation items like rain barrels and sensors.

During the initial year of the Water Smarter incentive program, the city provided nearly \$4,000 in rebates to Brandon utilities customers who purchased weather-based irrigation controllers, irrigation system rain sensors, programmable irrigation timers and rain barrels.

- The April 9 mayoral election reinstated Mayor Paul Lundberg in office and marked Brandon’s highest voter turnout in six years. Turnout reached 20.2 percent,

with 1,451 out of 7,170 registered voters casting ballots. Lundberg overwhelmingly defeated challenger Tim Wakefield.

- The city of Brandon revamped its utility bills to include a water consumption graph for each customer.

The graph, according to finance officer Christina Smith, helps customers not only monitor their usage from month to month, but also helps pinpoint a potential leak.

- Brandon welcomed its new police chief, Joe Weir, a 35-year veteran of law enforcement in the state of Iowa and the FBI. The police department also welcomed three new officers to the staff – Dan

Francis, Zach Kieffer and Andrew Nygaard.

- The city of Brandon approved an ordinance permitting residents to keep six or fewer backyard chickens.
- In Valley Springs, City Hall welcomed new finance officer Linda Hunnel in June. The city of Valley Springs also embarked on a hefty water infrastructure project that will likely lead to future higher water and sewer bills for residents. The city applied for state aid for a \$3.38 million project to replace water and sewer mains along Cliff Avenue, Valley Drive and Dunham Drive, which is planned for 2021.

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during daily operations, but at 8:30 on a Thursday morning if they need help, I’ll be the first one here,” he assures.

“With the catering, Tony has told us that he wants to help us out with some jobs,” Roeman adds.

“My name is still on the side of the vans,” Tony said. “But Dee is what makes the catering go. The only time that I’m good is when we have a crisis and I have to do some rear-end chewing.”

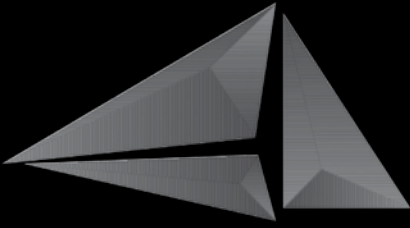
Pam will continue to be a visible fixture on the lawn mower. She’s long had the job of keeping the boulevards at the store manicured and will continue to do so, as well as helping out in the store when called on.

“He’s given us a great opportunity,” said Roeman, who partnered with Tony in the Madison Sunshine Foods store in 1998.

“We’re appreciative of the opportunity and we’re thankful that we’re all here together. We wouldn’t be buying if we didn’t have an opportunity,” Craig adds.



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Single-family building outpaces multi; commercial permits up



Single-family lots and homes are available in Twin Rivers Crossing, a new residential neighborhood cropping up off Sioux Blvd.

Developer announces plans for Brandon 90 Plaza

Fifty acres of land in a flood plain zone along Interstate 90 was announced will be transformed into 26.7 acres of commercial development, along with 17 acres that will be dedicated to a public use lake.

In November, Sioux Falls developer Darrel Viereck announced his investment group, Brandon Plaza 90 LLC, closed on the 50-acre property and this spring expects to begin groundwork preparations.

Viereck said discussions are taking place to bring an upscale six- to eight-screen movie theatre and arcade, fast food restaurant(s), a bank, hotel, convenience store(s), grocery store and possible community/event center to the development.

And there’s room for more, he said.

“I’ve got to believe that there’s going to be \$50 million-plus tax base in there,” Viereck said. “Let me put it this way, if everybody that we’ve been talking to goes forward, we’re not going to have enough room for everybody in there. We can probably only handle three big users, and the big users we’re talking to could probably fit.”

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

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

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

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

Forty new single-family homes were permitted in 2017, during which residen-

tial construction totaled \$8.2 million, and 48 in 2016, for a total of \$13.2 million.

Residential expansion lots are available in the Bluffs and the new Twin Rivers Crossing and Aspen Harbor developments, noted Paul Clarke, city building inspector.

On the commercial building front, Brandon issued 44 permits in 2019 for a total valuation of nearly \$4 million, compared to 35 commercial permits in 2018, also for \$4 million.

Clarke called last year’s commercial boost “very positive for the Brandon community.”

“Even though the number of new single-family home permits in 2019 was lower than in 2018, those new businesses will bring in

new residents in the coming years, and we anticipate a spike in 2020 for new single family home permits,” he said.

Among new commercial builds in 2019 were Alliance Communications, next to the new post office at Alliance Plaza; the conversion of the former post office on East Holly Boulevard into an eye clinic, set to open in 2020; and Beautique’s warehouse in the industrial park.

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

Also in 2019, Valley Springs saw 45 residential permits valued at \$376,554.

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