

City taking input via surveys to help shape Brandon's future

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Contributing writer

The City of Brandon has launched a survey for residents, business owners and land developers to get their thoughts on the future of the city.

The Comprehensive Plan surveys can be found on the City of Brandon website, or by scanning the QR Codes included in this story. The city last developed a Comprehensive Plan in 2014. City Development Director Patrick Andrews said it was time for a new one.

Andrews said typically a Comprehensive Plan can be good for up to 30 years for a smaller community.

"A lot has changed since then," he said of the 2014

plan. "Brandon is growing faster than some people probably like. Brandon attracts a lot of both Sioux Falls interests and interests elsewhere, so we're just trying to figure a plan forward."

The new survey is basically asking residents, business owners and land developers what they want Brandon to look like in the future.

"Things come in the door every day that are not anticipated," Andrews said. "So we have to prepare. The surveys are hopefully pretty comprehensive. There are obviously some things we probably missed just because it's hard to track down everything people want to talk about."

If there are some things

missed, it would arguably be nitpicking. The survey includes everything from the amount of single family, multi-family and twin homes. Do you want sit down restaurants, or would you prefer more fast food restaurants? How about more upscale dining? What about big box stores? Do you want them in Brandon?

"We have a blanket of things on there to try to get a fresh opinion with preconceived biases," Andrews said. "We even have manufactured home parks. That's a thing. We don't have one, but if that's what people want, we want to know about it."

The surveys were launched publicly on March 13. In the first four days,

584 residents had responded, along with 27 businesses and one developer. That's 5.3 percent of residents, and Andrews said he's hoping for more.

"A plan works if we get a lot of input," he said. "Does everyone else in town want 5 percent of their neighbors dictating the direction of the town?"

The surveys will be open through April 30. The city will then host an open house in mid-May or early June to discuss the results of the survey. Andrews said at that open house, the city will have enough interested people to form a smaller Public Input Committee.

While that committee does its work, Andrews said he will reach out to key



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stakeholders in the area like the Brandon Valley School District and the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce for their input.

The next step would be to present in front of the Planning & Zoning Commission, and from there, a plan would go to the City Council for review and a public hearing.

VS School stands strong for 100 years

This Friday, the Brandon Valley School District will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Valley Springs school building. A program is planned from 1-2 p.m., and the public is invited to attend. See pages 5, 6, 9 and 10 for the special section, "If these walls could talk."

Jill Meier/BV Journal



BVSD Board has one opening in 2023

Staff report

There will be one opening on the Brandon Valley Board of Education this year, and it's for a three-year term.

Petitions for nomination may be circulated between April 11 and May 12, with the filing deadline at 5 p.m. Friday, May 12. Petitions may be picked up from the Business Manager's Office, 300 S. Splitrock Blvd.

The term of Ellie Saxer expires in June. Saxer has said she plans to file for re-election.

If more than one individual files for the lone chair, an election will be held from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, APRIL XX.

The terms of board members Gregg Ode and Nick Scott are through June 2024, while the terms of board president Renee Ullom and David Bell are through June 2025.

To learn more, contact the BVSD Business Office at 605-582-2058.

Lawn watering restrictions likely loosened this summer

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The Brandon Water Conservation Committee was formed in 2017. It was created to establish boundaries to help conserve water usage within city limits.

Several rebates have been established in recent years for Brandon residents. Those rebates are part of the Water Smarter Incentive Program. They include things like high-efficiency dishwashers, toilets and washing machines, along with other forms of conservation like rain water barrels and irrigation controllers.

However, the rebates have also come with water restrictions. In 2018, the committee designated that if daily water usage in Brandon reached 1.6 gallons per day for five straight days, a restriction was put on lawn watering. That actually happened in 2021 and 2022.

Obviously, it's not a concern currently as the area is under several inches of snow, but when spring rolls around and temps heat up, Brandon is in a Stage 1/Green designation, which means residents may only water their lawns on odd/even days based on street addresses. Watering is not allowed between 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Once the five-day threshold of 1.6 million gallons is hit, Stage 2/Yellow is triggered, meaning watering of lawns is permitted only between the hours of 6 p.m.-10 a.m. and on the days where addresses meet the following criteria:

- 0 or 1 on Mondays
- 2 or 3 on Tuesdays
- 4 or 5 on Wednesdays
- 6 or 7 on Thursdays
- 8 or 9 on Fridays

However, the Stage 2/Yellow restrictions will likely be lessened for this summer and beyond. At

Monday's City Council meeting, the council heard from Conservation Water Committee chair Kevin Smith. He recommended that the threshold for Stage 2/Yellow be raised from 1.6 gallons to 1.8.

That recommendation came from the following formula: the committee took the average daily water usage in November and December (approximately 700,000 gallons per day) when numbers are lower, and multiplied that by 2.5, which comes out to just shy of 1.8 million.

"The methodology, to us, is more important than any number," Smith said.

The two major drivers behind raising the water usage to 1.8 million gallons per day was the population spike in Brandon and the construction of a new water treatment plant, which is scheduled to open in early 2025.

Although Smith made the rec-

ommendation to the council to raise the water limits from 1.6 to 1.8 gallons, he was quick to continue his message of water conservation.

"The committee was formed as a result of some ongoing water challenges that the city was experiencing at the time," he said of the committee's 2017 formation.

Although the recommendation by the conservation committee to increase the first threshold from 1.6 million gallons to 1.8 was made to the council, Brandon Public Works Director Rollie Hoeke was not in favor of it. He addressed the council in hopes of keeping the threshold at 1.6 million gallons and avoiding the increase.

"I'm trying to be a good steward to the city, I'm trying to look out for everybody. But everybody in town knows there are certain people who have greener yards than

anybody else," he said. "If you want to raise them, it's up to you guys, but I don't feel I'd be a very good steward if I said raise the triggers."

But Brandon's population spike and the effort to create a solid quality of life for residents in Brandon seemed to drive councilmember Barb Fish.

"Rollie, I appreciate what you've done for Brandon and I've supported you every year to keep that level the same," Fish said. "But I really feel that we need to bump it up a little bit. I don't think 1.8 is too much. Our population has grown. If we just ignore our residents, and don't make any changes, I think we're going to go backwards."

No action was taken Monday night. A resolution will be written for formal approval at the next City Council meeting scheduled for April 3.

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Journal Viewpoints

Fourth quarter on tap: 'Finish the Lynx Way!'

SUPE'S ON

Dr. Jarod Larson
BVSD Superintendent



As Spring is upon us and the fourth and final quarter of the 2022-23 school term is set to begin next week, I would encourage all our students to finish strong and push themselves academically through the end of the school year. Make school attendance and academic effort your priority for the remainder of the school term. Continuing to bring an outstanding effort and a positive attitude will drive your academic success – Let's finish The Lynx Way!

Along with Spring and (hopefully) with the improving weather, more students will be walking and riding their bicycles to school. With the additional pedestrian and bicycle traffic in and around our communities, it is critical that traffic and school zone safety is our top priority. Please slow-down, stay alert, and be aware of your surroundings. In addition, distracted driving continues to be a growing societal concern, and we must reinforce the importance of not texting and driving to our young drivers.

Together, we promote student safety in and around our school zones.

Go Lynx!

Crows calling

THE ABSENT UNCLE

D.C. Schultz
Guest Columnist



A few days ago, I was fortunate enough to enjoy a quiet morning on our front porch. It was a beautiful, cool morning, no noise.

The only sounds came from the neighborhood crows. It seems we have a flock of about five or six regular participants.

They communicate loudly and regularly. And what a language they have. A certain number of caws, slower or faster. A bit more intense or more relaxed. I so wished I understood. I see the interaction, movements, but just cannot remember the exact calls between the birds that predicated the action or movement of the flock. It is unquestionably a language, not so much different than what we use between us to spread the alarm, share knowledge, and the basic, here I am, where are you.

But the crows – yes, we can hear them. Those caws back and forth. Sometimes it is intense, two or more debating the issues. Other times it seems they are just exchanging information. Sometimes, just a single bird calling out. What are they saying? It fascinates me. I probably should record it, document the subsequent movements, and maybe able to understand what is being communicated.

I'm sure some ornithologist somewhere has already done the research. They probably can interpret what I am hearing. By observing the behavior after hearing the caws, it can probably be deduced what is being communicated.

But to me? It is somewhat of a mystery; and I am so fortunate to observe the sounds, the action, and watching the behaviors of those birds. I am only hearing and seeing the behavior – not understanding the conversation that precluded the movement. It's a good mystery, let your imagination interpret those sounds.

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If these walls could talk ...

JILL'S JOURNAL

Jill Meier | Editor



Although I never attended school in Valley Springs – or Brandon, for that matter – I have somewhat of a connection to the 100-year-old school building in Valley Springs.

I attended a school that was similar in structure and size for my fifth and sixth grade years. The school, a two-level, four-square, stood atop a two-tier hill. The landscape provided levels of wintertime fun for kids from all across the town. The long hill on the backside of the school was the real draw for serious sledders. And at almost any time of a day off of school for Christmas vacation or a weekend, you be assured to find someone there relishing in the slippery slope.

Obviously, it was always more fun to go down that hill than it was to trudge back up. But we did. Over and over and over and over.

The school housed the fifth grade on the first floor – four classrooms full of kids – and

it was a similar scenario for the sixth-graders on the floor above. The school didn't have a lunchroom or a gym or a band or choir room. As for the library, well, it was as tiny space nestled in a room in the basement of the building with boiler pipes decorating the ceiling. There were shelves and shelves filled with books, and there was just enough space for a handful of tables and chairs, and of course, a desk for the librarian where she kept close tabs on any mischief that may be ensuing.

As for gym, we either high-tailed it outside for games of kickball, but most times we had to make the short walk from the school to the nearby high school, which is where we ate lunch, too. Most days, that short walk to the high school was a line of squirrely kids doing what kids do: talking, laughing, skipping

and likely getting into some form of trouble along the way.

Rainy days and those oh-so-chilly winter days were no fun at all.

We didn't have lockers. Instead, we had cloak rooms, just like the kind we've all read about in the history books. If I recall, it was a place where a lot of coats didn't stay put on the hooks its owners had intended them to hang on, a mitten here and stocking cap there, and of course, those always-popular – and somewhat resourceful – bread bags that most kids put their feet in first before sliding into their boots.

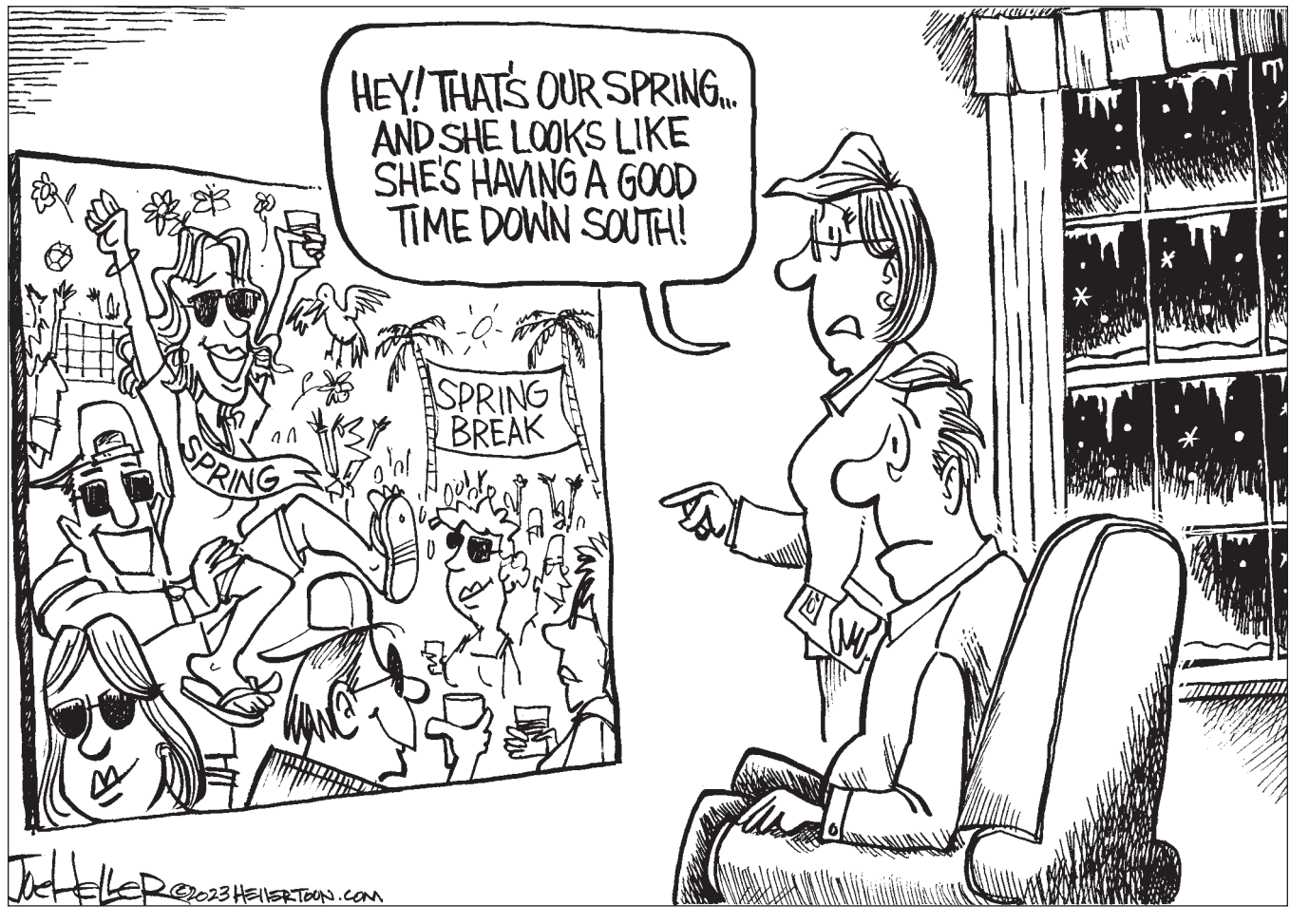
The playground that surrounded the school was tarred, which set us up for plenty of skinned knees and bruised elbows. It was outfitted with

swings that seemed touch the sky, four-square boards and a makeshift kickball diamond, that if you were playing in the outfield, it meant plenty of trips to go fetch the ball as it rolled down the massive hill that the school stood strong and sturdy on for decades.

It was in the middle of our sixth-grade year that we moved across town to what is now known as "Armstrong School." It's the same school I attended my elementary years at, but now it had a new addition that included a sparkling new library, shop and art room.

I imagine the kids who have attended school in Valley Springs have an attachment to the building. There is charm in the sturdy multi-story building, and if the walls could talk, it would sure be interesting to hear the secret they would have to tell.

Happy 100th anniversary, Valley Springs School. You are truly a gem.



Austad: District 2 State Legislature review

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Another 38-day South Dakota legislative session has ended, wrapping up essentially on the Governor Veto day, March 27. Watching new Legislator voting actions in our maiden District 2 is especially critical, well before the next 2024 election cycle. We have a whole new team of Freshmen Legislators that have not taken the floor battle field before. Legislatively, they had no prior "rap sheet" or track record voting position as House or Senate office holders. Of the 35 districts, that each represent over 25,000 residents in the South Dakota Legislature, our neighborhood of Brandon, East Sioux Falls, and Valley Springs is under a completely new district boundary with new Legislators making up our "District 2". In years past, we may have been in District 9, 10, and 25. In 2022, there were no incumbent Legislators representing us, which may not be a bad thing. We have State Senator Steve Kolbeck who has prior political experience as a State Public Utilities Commissioner in the mid 2000's, as a Democrat. He recently switched parties and won as our State Republican Senator. John Sjaarda and David Kull are the new Republican House

members in this district. Every 10 years based on Census data, the South Dakota Legislature redirects, and modifies the District boundaries largely based on population changes. Essentially, the party in majority power of most seats in the legislature, and the Governor will be the party that controls the new redistricting maps. Lots of these changes are also/more importantly due to voter registration concentration, potential District Primary candidates, and boundaries that would favor a certain party candidate in the district at that time, or hurt the incumbent candidate that is of the opposing Party. It is important to follow and keep in contact with your State Legislator when you have questions about bills and voting. During this last session I had a few questions and through emailing and calling, I did get return correspondence from all of them. This is much appreciated, that is not always the case from other Legislators. They did well at returning and answering questions. Even though some did not answer the questions or vote in the way I often requested, they did respond.

Often times, following the will of leadership within the party is not congruent to the wishes of its constituents or the people living in the district. The candidate will to follow leadership can be very alluring and beneficial in primary races and elections when campaign funding is doled out by party leaders. The less voter scrutiny from us district constituents, the less stress it is for the compromising office holder to balance with a softer struggle in times when the party leadership will conflicts with the people represented. Though the two are not always mutually exclusive, voters need to be discerning and stay vigilant. Legislative rookies can often be malleable to the control of its leaders. When newbie Legislators do not sign onto questionable legislation or vote against the Governor or the Party Whip on a bill, they may lose future Committee appointments and chair positions. Or worse yet they may get their legislation shelved, they may not get funded in election races or they may face party picked opposition primary candidates. The pressures are real. Go along/get along Freshman

Legislators are the biggest targets. Pay attention to how upper Senate and House and Governor strings are pulled against Legislators regarding certain issues. The recent last week of session ended with dramatic shred between the internal GOP initiated by Senate President Pro-Tem Lee Schoenbeck against Governor Noem. A team that previously worked in unison form at a warp speed legislation train scheduling pace that would make Italian dictator Mussolini flush with envy. Then the barometer dropped with a vengeance. You could figuratively hear the old-time classic needle on the record scratch across that LP creating a horrible sounding rift, you could visualize the smoke rise from the carnage between a couple of interviews initiated by Schoenbeck, of Watertown, and the Governor. He basically called her incompetent and a bad leader compared to the three previous Governors he had worked under. He stated that she should have gotten back to the roots of how she governed in the beginning of her first term when she actually helped the people of South Dakota! Then there was a he said/she said accusation over sales tax

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Siouxland Libraries plans mural for City Hall

Valley Springs is about to get a splash of color on Broadway Ave.

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Sharon Hall of Siouxland Libraries was at Tuesday's Valley Springs City Council meeting and asked the council if the city would be in favor of new murals being placed on the westside of the combined City Hall and library building.

Hall said there is no cost to the city and that Siouxland has done similar projects to other libraries within its system, including Brandon. There are 13 libraries in the Siouxland system.

"It draws attention to the library, it makes it more aesthetically pleasing," Hall said. "We've been trying to increase the awareness of the library in Valley Springs. We're hoping this will be one way to help people recognize that it's not just City Hall. It's just one step that we're trying to build awareness and hopefully increase library users."

The design includes swirling colors with the Siouxland name incorporated. The mural will be designed by the City of Sioux Falls' communications department.

The project did not need a council vote for approval.

"Go for it," Mayor Carl Moss said.



Tom A. Savage/BV Journal

The Brandon Community Library is one of the Siouxland Libraries that has a mural covering its exterior window. A similar one is planned for

Water main repair bid approved

City engineer Gabe Laber presented council members with the bids on the new water main lines scheduled to be under construction this summer. The council unanimously approved Sioux Falls-based First Rate Excavate's bid of \$992,026.

Funding for the project came through a grant and loan package from the South Dakota Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources. The new lines will be placed in the alley just south of Broadway and will run from Jackson Street to Maple Street.

Moss said the city will plan a public hearing in the next month to

discuss the project.

Busy summer planned at On the Rocks

Rob Praliguske, owner at On the Rocks on Broadway, was at the meeting to discuss plans for the venue this summer.

Praliguske said because their insurance provider suggested they host more outdoor events in order to keep their current coverage, On the Rocks is planning on doing just that this summer.

Last year's Automania event was the blueprint for more outdoor events, and Praliguske said the open area to the venue's north side helps with the noise. He also said he wanted to bring back outdoor events because Valley Springs used to do more of them pre-COVID.

"We want to bring back the liveliness back to Valley Springs a little bit," he said. "We wanted to let the city council know our plans and we want to keep being involved with the community."

On the Rocks also has a new look as Scott Wentler, owner of The maddTatter tattoo and piercing shop, has moved his operation from 411 Broadway Ave. into inside the venue.

Wentler was at the meeting to let council members know of his move. Wentler has been a tattoo artist for 15 years.

"But I've been an artist for as long as I can remember," he said.

School board OKs \$1.35M in new staff recommendations

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Retirements, resignations and continuing enrollment growth prompted Brandon Valley's Board of Education to give the greenlight to a variety of staffing requests for the 2023-24 school year.

School board members approved the administrative staffing recommendations at their March 13 meeting.

Additional staff to be covered by the General Fund adds up to \$1 million in salaries and benefits, while the special education requests equates to \$350,000, and will be attributed to the Special Education Fund.

For the upcoming school year, these are the full-time teaching positions the BVSD plans to fill: BVHS English Language Arts and Science, and a counselor; BVMS math teacher, counselor and Tier 2 Behavior EA; BVIS sixth grade science and social studies teachers, and a counselor; Fred Assam Elementary third-grade teacher; Inspi-

ration Elementary second and fourth grade teachers; school nurse for FAE/IE; and an elementary teacher (English Language Learner).

Staffing requests for special education are two, full-time K-12 Special Education teachers, three special ed EAs, physical/occupational therapist services (\$35,000 contracted with Teachwell), and behavior analyst services (\$45,000 also contracted with Teachwell).

In other business, the board was updated on the 2023-24 negotiations process. A pre-negotiations meeting between the BVSD administration and the BV Education Association was held Monday, March 20. The Personnel Welfare and the BVEA will meet Thursday, March 23, with a scheduled school board executive session for negotiation preparations on March 27. A negotiations meeting with the personnel welfare and BVEA is set for March 29, and additional negotia-

tion meeting dates will be scheduled, if warranted.

Tentatively, the BV Board of Education plans to ratify the 2023-24 master contract at their April 11 meeting, along with classified wage and administrative salary recommendations. The board will also conduct contract negotiations with the superintendent that same evening.

With equalization meetings scheduled, board members volunteered to represent the school district at the following locations and dates:

- Brandon: March 21, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers; March 22 has been reserved as the alternate date. Board president Renee Ulom will attend.
- Split Rock Township: March 20 at the Split Rock Township Fire Department. Board member Gregg Ode attended.
- Valley Springs: March 20 at Valley Springs American Legion Hall. Nick Scott will represent the BVSD.
- Minnehaha and Lincoln

counties: March 20 at Carnegie Town Hall, Sioux Falls. David Bell will attend this equalization meeting.

• Sioux Falls: Time, date and board member yet to be determined.

Under personnel, the board voted to approve the suggested staff reductions, all full-time reading interventionist positions, at the end of the current school year: Lisa Reinschmidt, Janna Conrad, Jennifer Voigt, and Leah Moody.

- Approved resignations from Rhonda Sebert, Brandon Elementary Special Education EA; Scott Giles, BVMS assistant eighth-grade girls' basketball coach; Ivy Ramsey, BE art teacher, effective at end of current school year; Allison Pravecek, BE third-grade teacher, effective end of 2022-23 school year; Michael Walker, BVHS assistant wrestling coach; Amy Kasten, BVHS art teacher; Erica Karl, Robert Benis Elementary third grade teacher, effective at end of the 2022-23 school year;

Kristin VanBuskirk, BE special education teacher, effective end of current school year.

• The following new hires were recommended and approved: Tess Steinmiller, BE Early Childhood Speech Language Pathologist for the 2023-24 school year; Danica Kocer, BVHS chemistry teacher for the 2023-24 school year; Adrienne Stueven and Brent Hubers, substitute van drivers.

• Approved leave without pay for Naome Poppe, BVHS Family and Consumer Science teacher (April 19-21 and 24-25); Sandra VanVoorst, Inspiration Elementary child nutrition manager (May 30-31, June 1).

• Approved the recommendation to hire through transfer, Emily Johnson, from daytime custodian at Brandon Elementary to BE special education EA.

• Lindsay Fenton was approved as a substitute for the current school year.

• Adjourned until 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 27.

TALK of the TOWN

Free fitness for seniors at Circuit

Circuit, 1124 E. Holly Blvd., Brandon, is offering free fitness for community seniors (ages 55-plus) from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Monday-Thursday, March 27-30.

March needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

This month's needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are jelly, jam, mustard, ketchup, brownie and cookie mixes, boxed Jello and pudding, dish detergent, Kleenex.

To make appointments for either pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

BAFP executive director Linda Weber asks groups that conduct food drives to contact the Pantry prior to dropping off donations.

Used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Brandon Lions Club may also be dropped off at the BAFP.

Storytime planned for Valley Springs Library

Family Storytime is scheduled to be held at the Valley Springs Branch Library at 10 a.m. Friday, March 31. Family Storytime is for children birth to 5 and their caregivers. To learn more, contact Jan, the storyteller, at 582-2390.

Toddler, Preschool Storytime resumes at Brandon Library

Toddler Storytime and Preschool Storytime have returned to the Brandon Community Library. Toddler Storytime is held from 10-10:25 a.m. Tuesdays now through May 4. This program is for 2-year-olds and their caregiver.

Preschool Storytime is held from 10-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays starting now through May 10. This program is for ages 3-5.

To learn more, call the Brandon Community Library at 605-582-2390.

SVE District 6 meeting is March 23 at BVHS

Sioux Valley Energy will host their annual District 6 meeting on Thursday, March 23 at Brandon Valley High School. A complimentary meal will be served from 5:30-7 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. SVE customers who attend will also receive a \$25 bill credit, and Mark Rogen is seeking re-election to the SVE Board of Directors.

Bethany Meadows Chili Cookoff

The chili cookoff is Saturday, March 25 Bethany Meadows. There will be a variety of soups and chilis to taste test from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults or free will donation and free for kids under 12.

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 Darwin Fodness, 64, Lennox
 Gerald Keefe, 91, Sioux Falls
 Jon Marsh, 46, Parker
 Joan "Jo" Rice, 73, Dell Rapids, formerly of Flandreau
 Sandra Teslow, 86x, Sioux Falls
 Bonnie Willard, 79, Valley Springs

Wednesday, March 15
 Jay Bentz, 63, Sioux Falls
 Clinton Clark, 90, Bellevue, Neb.
 Marjorie "Marge" Gunn, 89, Madison, formerly of Dell Rapids
 Barbara Miller, 80, Sioux Falls
 Eilert Pederson, 95, Brooklyn Center, Minn.
 Donna Pola, 89, Rapid City
 Myrl Unzelman, 87, Sioux Falls
 Ruth Vogel, 97, Monroe

Thursday, March 16
 Jay Bentz, 63, Sioux Falls
 Boyd Johnson, 75, Mitchell
 Jeffrey Lindstrom, 60, Sioux Falls
 Linda Matson, 75, Sioux Falls
 Grace Radke, 82, Mitchell
 Ron Rauk, 75, Beaver Creek, Minn.
 Mary Jane Shape, 84, Yankton, formerly of Summit
 Kenneth Van Kekerix, 82, Witten
 Betty Watson, 85, Dell Rapids

Friday, March 17
 Dr. Janice Ebersdorfer, 92, Mitchell
 Ronald Minnaert, 85, Madison
 Kathy Penney, 73, Sioux Falls
 James Pratt, 78, River Falls, Wis.
 Alan Van Liere, 69, Litchfield, Minn.

Saturday, March 18
 Delores "Dee" Cink, 88, Sioux Falls
 Elaine Dougherty, 90, Mitchell
 Albert "Junior" Ihnen Jr., 70, Sioux Falls
 Eran McGraw, 36, Sioux Falls
 Ida Sayler, 104, Menno
 Margaret Smith, 100, Brookings
 Arlo Watchorn, 95, Yankton
 Hugh Weber, 45, Sioux Falls

Sunday, March 19
 William Boadwine, 89, Baltic
 Mavis King, 92, Luverne, Minn., formerly of Dell Rapids
 Charles "Chuck" Sanborn, 86, Hurlay

Monday, March 20
 William "Bill" Boadwine, 89, Baltic
 Carrie Cox, 48, Hornick, Iowa, formerly of Sioux Falls
 Leslie Jensen, 85, Alpena
 Freda Slaughter, 92, Madison

Easter Carnival at the Big Red Barn April 12

For the fourth year, an Easter Carnival will be held at 48148 258 th St., Brandon, from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, April 8. The event offers carnival games for kids, photos with the Easter bunny, along with an Easter Goodie Bag Hunt. The cost is \$10 per child ages 2-10. This is a no-candy carnival. All prizes are a small toy or other surprises.

Bonnie (Scofield) Willard, 79



Bonnie Faye Willard (Scofield) Willard passed away March 13, 2023 at her home in Valley Springs, S.D., after a long illness at the age of 79. Private funeral services will be held for her immediate family at the Methodist Church in Flandreau, S.D., where she was baptized and married.

Bonnie was born April 3, 1943 to Wilbur and Elvera (Lee) Scofield at the Flandreau Moody County Hospital in Flandreau. She was the second of seven children raised on their farm in Union Township, Moody County. She attended Fletcher Country school before attending high school in Flandreau, where she met the love of her life, her soulmate, William Willard, her freshman year. Their first date was Feb. 14, 1958 and with that, their future was written.

Bonnie enrolled and graduated from Nettleton Commercial College in Sioux Falls, S.D., while Bill volunteered for the Army in 1961. Along with going to school and working Bonnie managed to write and mail a letter to Bill every single day of the two years he was enlisted. She would later declare she did so to keep his eyes off the French girls in Paris France where he was stationed but really, theirs was quite simply, the love of a lifetime.

Bonnie married Bill on Dec. 19, 1964 and they bought their first home together in Sioux Falls. She worked various secretarial jobs and did typing for college students to earn money before their children were born.

In 1980 Bill and Bonnie bought their forever country home in Valley Springs, where they raised their family including three children. Bonnie worked hard planting a huge garden every year, taking care of various animals, the home and raising her

children. She enjoyed genealogy, was an avid researcher and diligently recorded the details of both her family and Bills back, far and wide. She was a published author of several books on many of their family lines. She enjoyed bowling, her children and most especially her grandchildren. Her family was her greatest joy.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Shelly Lynn.

Grateful for having shared her life and to have had such a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother are her husband, Bill Willard; Debra (Willard) and Ivan Copelan, and their children, Tristan and Kaden; Steven and Debbie (Blake) Willard, and their children, Eric and Kaitlyn (Drew) Willard, Kaylee and Sam; Michael and Shannon (Dockstader) Willard and their children, Kaiah, Corrine, Riley and Rayna.

For online condolences, visit skrochfc.com.

Grace Radke, 82



Grace Radke, 82, of Mitchell, died Friday, March 10, 2023, at Avera Bormann Manor in Parkston.

Funeral Mass was held Thursday, March 16, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Mitchell. Burial was at the Servicemen's Memorial Cemetery in Mitchell. Grace is survived by her husband, Jim; daughters, Nancy (Loren) Adema of Sioux Falls, Lisa (Scott) Mehlhaff of Sioux Falls, and Kathy (Jim) Massa of Winner; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Barbara Caffrey of Brandon; in-laws, Denny and Mary Jo Radke, Kay and Barra Bircher, and Paul and Linda Radke; and special niece, Jean Nelson.

For online condolences, visit bittnerfuneralchapel.com.

MINNEHAHA COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

Editor's note: The log reports are for the Brandon Valley Journal coverage area, which includes the communities of Brandon, Valley Springs, Corson, Rowena, Renner and Garretson. For the complete log, visit minnehahacounty.org.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14
 • Stray dog, 456th St. and 478th Ave., Garretson, necessary action taken.
 • Accident, 266th St., Valley Springs, state accident report taken, citation issued.
 • Accident, 265th St., Brandon, necessary action taken, state accident report taken.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15
 • Family dispute, S. First Ave. and E. Elm St., Brandon, necessary action taken.
 • Stalled vehicle, 250th St., Garretson, unable to locate.
 • Disorderly subjects, 484th Ave., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
 • Suspicious subject, 259th St. and 481st Ave., Brandon, case report taken, arrested, lodged in jail, photos taken.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16
 • Injury accident rollover, I-90 and I-90 ramp, Valley Springs.
 • Abandoned vehicles, 246th St., Garretson, necessary action taken.

• Open line-wireless, Sarah C St. and S. Main Ave., Garretson, necessary action taken.
 • Traffic hazard, I-90 and 484th Ave., Valley Springs.
 • Accident, I-90, Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
 • 911/hang-up landline, Dows St. and River Ave., Garretson, necessary action taken.
 • Chest pain, Fourth St. and Sherman Ave., Garretson, necessary action taken.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17
 • Motorist assist, 266th St., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
 • Injury accident/extrication ALS, 254th St. Garretson, care report taken, citation issued, state accident report and photos taken.
 • Traffic hazard, 267th St., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
 • Motorist assist, 254th St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
 • Abandoned vehicles, 258th St., Garretson.
 • Accident, 263rd St. and S. McHardy Road, Brandon, state accident report taken.

• Traffic control, 266th St., Brandon, necessary action taken.
 • Motorist assist, Hwy. 11, Garretson, necessary action taken.

• Stalled vehicle, 266th St., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18
 • Abandoned vehicles, 486th Ave., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
 • Stalled vehicle, 266th St., Valley Springs, necessary action taken
 • Accident, 250th St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
 • Public assist, N. Splitrock Blvd. and I-90 ramp, Brandon, necessary action taken.
 • Hit-and-run, Second St. and Canyon Ave., Garretson, necessary action taken, state accident report, case report and photos taken.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19
 • Traffic hazard, Fifth St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
 • Unconscious/fainted, N. Ninth Ave. and E. Heatherwood Dr., Brandon, necessary action taken.
 • Hit-and-run, N. Splitrock Blvd. and N. Teton Dr., Brandon, arrested, lodged in jail.

MONDAY, MARCH 20
 • Reckless driver, Park Dr. and Jackson St., Valley Springs.
 • Heart problems, 478th Ave. and 251st St., Garretson, necessary action taken.

'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day' is March 29

Governor Kristi Noem, in coordination with the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, is proclaiming Wednesday, March 29 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day." The Governor and the Department are calling on all South Dakotans to recognize the courage, service, and sacrifice of the men and women who served during the Vietnam War.

More than 27,000 South Dakotans were called upon to stand up and fight. Of those, 210 South Dakotans made the ultimate sacrifice. Through the establishment of an annual Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, South Dakotans can express their appreciation and honor the men and women who served during the Vietnam War by thanking them for their commitment, pride, selflessness,

devotion, and bravery. "This day is a well-deserved, overdue recognition for our soldiers who selflessly served during the Vietnam War," said Greg Whitlock, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "These men and women risked their lives defending the interests of our nation. While they earned the honor of a hero's welcome, unfortunately, they didn't re-

ceive it. This day affords us the opportunity to show our support and gratitude for the service and sacrifice these veterans made to preserve our freedom. We can never give enough thanks to those who have fought to protect our freedoms. "ask all of you to join me in pledging our enduring respect, our continuing care, and our everlasting commitment to all Vietnam Veterans."

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

• Motorist assist at S. Sioux Blvd. and W. Ponderosa Dr.
 • Disorderly subject in 1200 block of E. Cedar St., advised.
 • Assist Highway Patrol with a reckless driver on I-90.
 • Public assist in 300 block of S. Main Ave.
 • Cole Allen Steen, 25, arrested for warrant service at S. Splitrock Blvd. and E. Cedar St.
 • Trey Alan Lee, 27, arrested for DUI-1st, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia at N. Splitrock and E. Redwood boulevards.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

• Family dispute in 300 block of S. First Ave., advised.
 • Disorderly subject in 300 bloc of S. Splitrock Blvd., advised.
 • Gas skip reported in 900 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., advised.
 • Suspicious vehicle at E. Aspen Blvd. and S. McHardy Road, checked OK.
 • Parking complaint at N. Ninth Ave. and E. Birch St., advised.
 • Car-deer accident at e. Madison St. and Hwy. 11.
 • Medical emergency in 1000 block of E. Teakwood

BRANDON POLICE REPORT

St., turned over to MED-Star.
 • Check well-being of juvenile in 100 block of S. Fourth Ave., checked OK.
THURSDAY, MARCH 16
 • Check security at all parks.
 • Report of a reckless driver in 1000 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.
 • Public assist in 600 block of N. Teton Dr.
 • Assist Highway Patrol with traffic control on I-90 due to an accident.
 • Motorist assists at E. Aspen Blvd. and S. Lewis Dr., 2000 block of S. Splitrock Blvd.
 • Noise complaint in 1200 block of E. Keystone Pl., advised.
 • Clarissa Faye Kruse, 30, arrested in 300 block of N. Ninth Ave. for failure to vacate.
 • Suspicious subject in 1200 block of E. Redwood Blvd., unable to locate.
 • Medical emergencies in 300 block of W. Parkview Court, 300 block of N. Ninth Ave., turned over to MED-Star.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

• Public assists in 700 block

of S. McHardy Road, 300 block of S. Main Ave.
 • Assist Highway Patrol with traffic control on I-90.
 • Medical emergencies in 300 block of S. Yellowstone Dr., 3000 block of E. Aspen Blvd., turned over to MED-Star.
 • Terry Lee Flowers, 42, arrested for protection order violation in 600 block of S. Second Ave.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

• Disorderly subjects at N. Splitrock Blvd. and N. Teton Dr., advised, sent on way.
 • Disorderly subjects in 500 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., three juveniles cited for curfew violation.
 • Assault reported in 300 block S. Main Ave., under investigation.
 • Motorist assist at E. Holly Blvd. and S. Fifth Ave.
 • Public assists in 100 block of S. Augusta Pl., 1100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., 300 block of N. Ninth Ave.
 • Medical emergencies in 1000 block of E. Teakwood St., 1400 block of S. Sioux Blvd., turned over to MED-Star.
 • Erin Lynn Oltjenbruns, 36, arrested for DUI-1st, expired

license plates, open container at E. Aspen Blvd. and N. Ninth Ave.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

• Garrett Allen Darville, 37, arrested for DUI-3rd, expired license plates, open container at E. Heatherwood Dr. and N. Ninth Ave.
 • Car-deer accident reported in 1000 block of N. Splitrock Blvd.
 • Tagged abandoned vehicle at S. Splitrock Blvd. and S. Fifth Ave.
 • Assist Brandon Fire Department with alarms in 800 block of s. Fourth Circle, 100 block of s. Sandstone Ave.
 • Runaway reported in 100 block of W. Evergreen Dr., returned home.
 • Late report of a burglary in 300 block of N. Needles Dr., under investigation.
 • Medical emergencies in 300 block of S. Yellowstone Dr. and 300 block of N. Ninth Ave., turned over to MED-Star.
 • Hit-and-run reported in 600 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., Frederick Aaron Torberson, 61, arrested for DUI-1st, hit-and-run.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

• Two-vehicle accident at S. Splitrock and E. Aspen boulevards, one driver cited for failure to yield.
 • Medical emergency in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., juvenile cited for underage tobacco and alcohol, turned over to MED-Star.
 • Public assists in 1300 block of W. Creekside Dr., 1300 block of E. Cedar St.
 • Disorderly telephone calls reported in 700 block of E. Holly Blvd., advised.
 • Gas skip reported in 1000 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., advised.
 • Juvenile delinquency reported in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., juveniles were advised.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Brandon area property transfers from March 10-17, 2023 on record in the County Equalization office are as follows. Dollar amounts are rounded:
 • 912 S. Nicholas Ave., Brandon, from Amy Engebretson and Andrew Engebretson to Jesse Raley, \$280,000.
 • 1605 W. Burton Dr., Brandon, from Krumvieda Villas, LLC to Jill M. Loudenslager, \$608,500.
 • 101 W. Hackberry St., Brandon, from Josephine R. Haris to Teresa Bittinger and Calvin Bittinger, \$317,000.
 • 406 Boxelder St., Valley Springs, from Randy Sarchet to Melisa Muller-Smit, \$160,000.
 • 2700 E. Sunburst Dr., Brandon, from VanOver-schelde Companies, LLC to Shane VanBoening, \$362,500.

Valley Springs Pet Clinic is April 28

The annual Pet Clinic in Valley Springs is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 28 at the City Maintenance building. Rabies and other shots will be available, as well as city pet licenses.

City ordinance requires that every dog, cat and other animal be immunized against rabies and be annually registered for a city pet tag.

wards, one driver cited for failure to yield.
 • Medical emergency in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., juvenile cited for underage tobacco and alcohol, turned over to MED-Star.
 • Public assists in 1300 block of W. Creekside Dr., 1300 block of E. Cedar St.
 • Disorderly telephone calls reported in 700 block of E. Holly Blvd., advised.
 • Gas skip reported in 1000 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., advised.
 • Juvenile delinquency reported in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., juveniles were advised.

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS

• Stray cat in 1600 block of E. Keystone Dr.
 • Stray dog in 300 block of S. Sunshine Ave.
 • Lost dog reported in 2800 block E. Daybreak Circle.
 • Stray cat in 400 block of W. Park St.
 • Stray dog at E. Rushmore Dr. and S. Yellowstone Dr.
 • Stray dog in 900 block of E. Redwood Blvd.

If these walls could talk...

The 100th year celebration of Valley Schools

Snippets of the history of Valley Springs School

Taken from a time capsule kept in columns of the main steps into the Valley Springs School

... Notices of election were posted May 19, 1919 calling an election for the purpose of voting bonds in the sum of \$30,000 to erect a new school building and also to elect two directors. The result of the election was 103 votes for the issuance of bonds and 11 opposed. On motion, it was decided to borrow money from the State School fund for the erection of the new building. On July 11, 1919, the board met and the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that the Independent School District of Valley Springs, S.D., issue bonds in the amount of \$35,000 due and payable in 20 years from date bearing interest at not more than 6.5 percent per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of raising money to purchase a site and erecting a suitable school building for school purposes in said district."

On Monday, July 14, 1919, notices were posted. On Aug. 12, 1919, an election was held and per notices posted, 68 votes being cast, all in favor of the issuance of bonds.

As we were crowded for room, it was resolved to purchase the Jacobson school house for \$95 and moved onto the school ground and used for school purposes.

On Feb. 26, 1920, it was unanimously agreed to purchase four acres or more if necessary, from the A.G. Swanson farm just at the west end of Main Street as the site for the new school house, for which he was to receive \$475 per acre. At a special meeting on March 17, 1920, it was decided to pay A.G. Swanson \$100 down toward the purchase price of the new school site.

On this date, it was decided that the president and the secretary should meet with the architect to select a building spot. As per advertisement, bids were opened on April 8, 1921 at the Fraternal Hall with all members present. The lowest bid on general construction was \$44,975 by Combs and the lowest bid on plumbing was \$7,875 by Stokey. The Board met in short session and after bids had been disposed of and decided to reject all bids on account of being too high. On June 1, 1921, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved that the Independent School District of Valley Springs, S.D., issue bonds in the amount of \$15,000 due and payable in 20 years from date, bearing interest of not more than 6.5 percent annum, payable semi-annually for the purpose of raising additional funds to erect suitable school buildings for school purposes in said district. A.C. M. Johnson, President, E.J. Anderson, secretary."

On June 8, 1921, notices were posted in three most public places in said district, giving notice that an election would be held to take the sense of the voters upon the question of issuing additional bonds in the amount of \$15,000 to be used in the erection of a new school building for this district. The election resulted in 93



Submitted photos

The 1962 class was the last class to graduate high school from Valley Springs School, which once was home of the Wolverines. Homecoming royalty (below) included queen Linda Olson and king was Laurence Finck. Larry Claussen and Joyce Eernisse were the other king and queen candidates. Attendants included Arlyce Evenson, Dick Uherka, Marilyn Johnson and Rich Larson, and Ginger Aljets and Roger Larsen. Jody Den Herder and Dale Rippentrop were crownbearers.



votes in favor of the issuance of bonds and 49 against. In order to accommodate the pupils in the grades, an addition was built onto the small school house about June 15, 1921.

On Feb. 21, 1922, the Board met together with Architect McWayne to open bids on a new school building. Fifteen bids were received on general construction, the lowest bid being \$35,798 by O.H. Olson of Stillwater, Minn., and which bid was accepted, with alternate to deduct \$310 to use Kasota stone for trimmings. As soon as weather permitted the work of excavating was commenced and the basement and finally the building was completed and accepted the 8th day of December 1922. A building of which the people of the community can be justly proud.

Valley Springs Gym

On Monday, Feb. 8, 1954, at a regular school board meeting, a motion was made by Mrs. A.M. Christensen and seconded by David Olson that a representative of the Carlson Construction Co. be asked to

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advise them as to the feasibility of extending the gymnasium by removing the west wall of the present gym. At a special meeting on June 1, 1955, a motion was made and seconded that a reliable architect be obtained by the board, to give them information pertaining to a new proposed high school auditorium.

At a regular board meeting on April 1, 1956, Mr. McWayne, a Sioux Falls architect, was present at the meeting and discussed with the board the possibility of a new gymnasium.

At a regular meeting on May 13, 1957m Mr. Byrne of Tabbert Construction Co. was present and discussed with the board the possibility of a new gym. At a special meeting on July 3, 1957, a discussion was held in regard to corrections or changes to plans offered by Lucas Craig and Whitman Architects. After plans were studied, it was decided to fund the cost of widening the stage entrance from 20 feet to 26 feet.

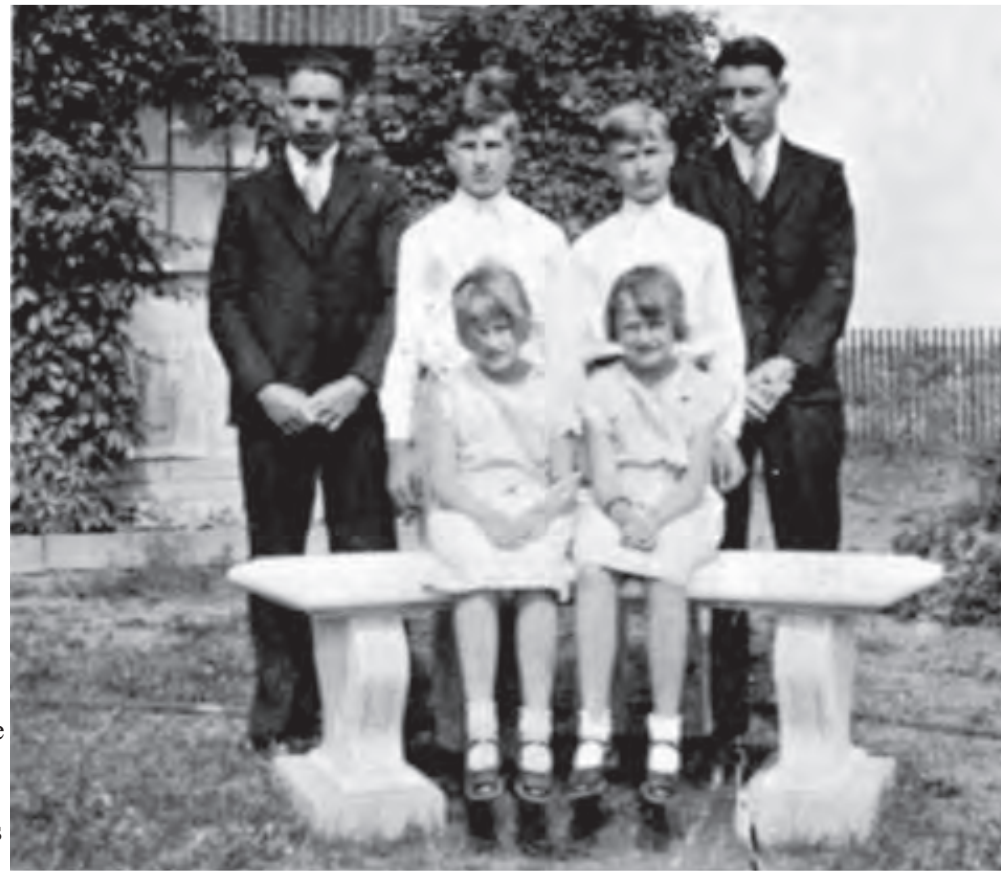
At a special meeting on July 10, 1957, Mr. Evan Lucas was present to discuss plans for an auditorium addition west of the present building. Mr. Lucas explained the difficulties and expense of opening a stage through the west wall of the old gym therefore it was decided to place the addition to the north of the present building.

At a special meeting on July 15, 1957, a motion was made and seconded that the board sign an agreement with Lucas, Craig and Whitman Architects of Sioux Falls for plans for the proposed addition of an auditorium to the present school building.

On Feb. 10 1958, at the regular meeting a motion was made and seconded to appoint Nils Boe as attorney of the Valley Springs Independent School District, for the purpose of assisting and calling the special bond election. On Feb. 24, 1958, at a special meeting the board adopted the following resolution:

It is hereby found and determined that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to construct and equip an auditorium-gym and remodel a portion of the present school building and pay the cost thereof by issuing its negotiable coupon general bonds in an amount not exceeding \$65,000, bearing interest at the lowest rate or rates obtainable upon a public sale thereof, but the average annual net interest rate not to exceed 5 percent per annum, payable semiannually and maturing serially in such installments as this Board shall hereafter determine, within a period of 20 years from date of issue, which borrowing will not increase the total amount of indebtedness of the School District beyond the limit fixed by law.

The meeting of the issuance of \$65,000 School Building Bonds, in accordance with paragraph 1 of this resolution, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district at a special election to be held on Tuesday the 8th day of April, 1958, between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 7 o'clock p.m. at the public school building in the Town of Valley Springs, South



In 1932, there wre three sets of twins who attended Valley Springs School: Herbert anmd Harvey Weise, Frank and Paul This and Fae and Mae Zieghan.

Dakota.
The special election was to be held April 8, 1958. The issuance of bonds was not to exceed \$65,000 with interest at 5 percent.

At the regular meeting on March 18, 1958, it was agreed that there would be no school on Tuesday, April 8, 1958, the day of the School Bond election. At a special meeting April 9, 1958, the official returns for the special election were presented. They were as follows:

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| For issuing bonds | 214 |
| Against issuing bonds | 34 |

base bid No. 1 by Henry Carlson; plumbing and heating base bid by Meester; and electrical base bid by Swede's.

The Last Class

Linda Olson and Laurene Finck reigned over the last Valley Springs High School homecoming. Valley's two-day homecoming festivities, Sept. 21-22, 1961, were highlighted by the coronation of Queen Linda Olson and King Laurence Finck.

Activities began Thursday evening with a bonfire, snake dance

Candidates for king and queen, Larry Claussen, Laurence Finck, Joyce Eernisse and Linda Olson, were presented at halftime. Student body president, Guy Eich, crowned the king and queen Friday evening.

Attendants were seniors, Joyce Eernisse and Larry Claussen; juniors, Arlyce Even-son and Dick Uherke; sophomores, Marilyn Johnson and Rich Larson; and freshmen, Ginger Aljets and Roger Larsen. Jody Den Herder and Dale Rippentrop were crown bearers.

Royalty walked down the aisle to the music of Miles Olson, pianist, and Mrs. Bess Hender-son, soloist. Following the coronation, royalty led the grand march to the music of Wally Jerome's combo.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Claussen and Mr. and Mrs. James Larsen served as chaperones.

Merging two districts into one ...

... Mr. Edward Uherka accepted the position of Superintendent of Valley Springs Public Schools in September 1955. He, his wife, Gertrude and five children moved into a home on Beaver Park West Street. Plans for reorganization of Minnehaha County School

and the junior high school were in Valley Springs. Mr. Uherka remained in Valley Springs as principal. In 1967, Mr. and Mrs. Uherka moved to a home in Rembrandt, Iowa.

... Since the first four-year graduation in 1916 to the last graduation in 1962, there were a total of 546 graduates from Valley Springs High School, the largest class size was that of two classes of 22.

In 1962, Valley Springs was reorganized with Brandon, with the vote of the school board members: Dave Olson, Archie Elliott, Tilford Iverson, Mervin Hokenstad, Olaf Tuntland. The name changed to Brandon Valley School District. The high school students were all bussed to Brandon and the seventh and eighth graders to Valley Springs. The school district grew, curriculum changes were made and the need of new and better facilities faced the district.

With this need in mind, the board put to a vote of the people a bond issue in the amount of \$1,130,000 on May 19, 1964; it failed. Back to the drawing board, and on Sept. 29, 1964, a bond for the sum of \$1,090,000 was also defeated. Again on Dec. 98 1964, a bond in the sum of \$950,000 was defeated. On Jan. 19, 1965, a bond for \$940,000 was voted for. Construction began and the new high school, located in Brandon, was completed by the fall term of 1967-68.

High school students moved to the new building, junior high students moved to the Brandon



A 75th anniversary celebration for the Valley Springs School was held Oct. 14, 1997. It included songs and speeches.

Jill Meier/BV Journal



The Bloomer Girls – Mildred Smith (from left), Blanche Outka, Doris Skillman and Pearl Elofson – showed what the basketball girls wore in the 1920s, which entailed black bloomers with white middies. They brought this bit of nostalgia to the 1967 Valley Springs School Alimni reunion.

Spoiled and blank bonds 1
Total vote 249

As a special meeting on May 5, 1958, the board adopted a resolution to provide for the public sale of \$65,000 school building bids.

On May 29, June 5, June 12, 1958, the "Notice to Bidders" was published in the Sioux Falls Argus Leader.

At a special meeting on June 16, 1958, the board opened and read the sealed bids for the auditorium building. A motion was made and seconded to accept General Construction

and pep rally led by the cheerleaders.

Hudson defeated the Wolverines 33-6 Friday afternoon. Valley's touchdown came in the fourth quarter with a pass from Rich Larson to Jack Card.

Districts were presented to the school board in 1956 and when reorganization became a reality in 1962, the high school was moved to Brandon, but one classroom of each of the first six grades

Elementary and junior high building, and Valley Springs had two classes of each grade, one through six. Mr. Morris Magnusson was Superintendent; Russ

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Global event Water Lantern Festival could be coming to Brandon

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

The Water Lantern Festival is a national program where participants decorate lanterns and at sunset release their unique design onto a body of water.

Organizers of the event bill it as one that makes connections and an evening that participants will never forget.

The Water Lantern Festival takes place in all 50 states, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia and Australia. In 2019, the *USA Today* named the Water Lantern Festival as the No. 1 cultural event of the year.

Now, there's a good chance that it will be coming to Brandon.

At the last Brandon Park & Rec Board meeting, Water Lantern Festival event coordinator Giovanna Schmeil addressed the board via teleconference from the event's headquarters in Salt Lake City.

All of the board members in Brandon seemed open to the festival taking place at McHardy Park on Aug. 26. Schmeil said everything would be handled by her team and they are requesting the use of McHardy Park and the subsequent boat launch on Split Rock Creek for participants to release their lanterns.

The lanterns are made of a wooden base, rice paper, and a small flameless LED light. At the conclusion of the event, Schmeil said her event staff is committed to retrieving and cleaning up every lantern off the water.

A buoy line in the water keeps track of every lantern released. After the event, event staff and volunteers do a sweep of the entire venue to pick up trash and leftover debris, as well as all of the lanterns. The event staff also makes one final sweep the following day after the event to make sure that nothing has been left behind and everything is cleaned up.



Photo courtesy of Water Lantern Festival

The Water Lantern Festival may be coming to Brandon this summer. The event entails decorating lanterns and at sunset, releasing them into a body of water, such as the Splitrock Creek at McHardy Park.

Although Schmeil hasn't been to the area for a site visit, board member Barb Fish said they would be open to the event if they follow through.

Brandon Park Superintendent Devin Coughlin said Schmeil originally reached out to him about Brandon hosting an event. He said he sometimes gets similar requests and advises that the next step is to present it to the Park Board. He said that's where it often ends, but Schmeil followed through.

"She obviously wants to possibly do something," Coughlin said. "They organize it, they set it up, they line up vendors, they have people that help with the lanterns and then pick everything up."

The event also includes food and music vendors. Those, too, will be organized by festival personnel.

"As the sun begins to set on the eve-

ning sky, the Water Lantern Festival begins to shine with the launch of the lanterns onto the water as we Light the Water together," the festival's website reads. "Watch your unique lantern drift out into the water as it joins other lanterns carrying hope, love, happiness, healing, peace, and connection. Come experience the lights of the Water Lantern Festival. It is a night that you will never forget."

The Water Lantern Festival is in its sixth year and has hosted more than 500 events worldwide.

"The Water Lantern Festival is an incredible experience where thousands of families, friends, and strangers celebrate life," the website read. "The Water Lantern Festival brings together individuals from all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life to join in one emotional and memorable night."

LETTER TO EDITOR cont. from page 2

cuts going back to last year. Schoenbeck was firing the verbal javelins against her. However, he has a history of throwing hate speak javelins at people that served under him and alongside of him in the state Senate and Legislature for a long time.

Governor Noem did not waste time defending herself, essentially saying that you never know what you get out of Schoenbeck. One day he is an ally and then he will "rip your face off". Gov. Noem also stated that if she opened her texts and showed some of the many bad messages he has sent her over the years, he (Schoenbeck) would never get elected again. They are particularly fighting over a bill on digital federal reserve currency groundwork legislation that she had recently vetoed, HB 1193. Schoenbeck is the Pied Piper type puppet leader that has a lot of control over Legislators, especially the new ones.

This comes back to home right in our backyard with our new District 2 delegation. As a Senate leader during re-districting, Lee Schoenbeck specifically used his influence to carve this Brandon/Valley/East Sioux Falls area. He, along with the Governor funded and endorsed our current State Senator. As also proven by the many campaign postcard election mailings. You also may remember his son, Jake, who also ran for the House seat here last June, qualifying as a recently new resident to this area. Tens of thousands of dollars were funneled into these candidates to represent our neighborhood. Will this new rift affect future influence and representation to the voters in our neighborhood for the better?

New Representative David Kull not only voted for The Central Bank Currency Bill 1193 in the House committee to get to the House Floor, he was a key sponsor for the 117-page bill. Kull then voted for the bill on the House floor to speed through to the Senate for its next lightning fast pass move.

Steve Kolbeck immediately, along under Schoenbeck and other leaders, voted 'yes' to ram the bill through to the Sen-

ate committee, then jetting it to the Senate floor, where he voted 'yes'. All 117 pages to this Central Bank Digital Currency bill 1193. I am not blaming them if they did not read it. Though I would second guess if they claim they did and fully understood it before they passed it. The point is, they did not have to expedite this bill, nor read it, nor pass it. They could wait another year to read it, evaluate it, let the public access it more, hold a study on the bill. Review the Devil in the details. In consolation, our Representative John Sjaarda voted against this. Thank you. None of this would take affect anyway until July 2024. Plenty of other states have not yet entertained this legislation yet. And before this bill would be enacted, other states will have to join. We would be one of the first states to pass it. We could easily let the time go and do more next year. Even if the Governor has her veto of the bill sustained, they could still strike back next year with a similar bill. We have read this blind Washingtonian scenario before. "Pass the bill before we read and understand it." This is just the example of high-speed passing, make the train run on time efficient Legislation. Not exactly a lofty goal designed by the constitution for slowing up the process of thought, debate and review by the Press or the People.

The devil is in the details, quite often. The battle is now on to support Legislators like John Sjaarda. The battle is now to encourage our other new Legislators to change course and vote to sustain the Gov. Noem veto. The rally is now to get these Legislators to NOT override her veto. Please encourage Representative David Kull and Senator Steve Kolbeck to sustain Governor Noem's veto of 1193. There is zero benefit to rush this through this year on HB 1193, which does set the pavement track for Federal Reserve Central Bank digital Currency. Be steadfast in watching your new Legislators voting record.

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‘Ahead of the curve’

BVHS students enlightened on personal finance in Career and Technical Education course

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

Career and Technical Training, or CTE, is a popular trend in high schools around the country. According to Careertech.org, there are about 12 million high school and college students enrolled in CTE courses across the nation.

It’s no different at Brandon Valley. CTE courses provide students with the academic and technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed in future careers and to become lifelong learners.

Although CTE courses often focus on specific vocational trades, Brandon Valley’s Katie Kennett teaches four courses in business and personal finance.

Kennett is in her first year at Brandon Valley and joined the teaching ranks the unconventional way. She was a banker at First Premier in Sioux Falls for 20 years before coming to Brandon Valley. While at First Premier, Kennett volunteered through Junior Achievement in Sioux Falls and felt like it was time to make the switch from banking as a career, to teaching about it.

“Big change, but I like it,” she said. “I like taking a lot of what I learned in the banking world and putting it in the classroom, which is kind of what I wanted to do.”



Submitted photo

Katie Kennett teaches CTE classes at Brandon Valley High School, including business and personal finance. The first-year teacher is a former banker who made the decision to leave the banking industry to teach about it.

The four classes she teaches at Brandon Valley include Introduction to Business, Marketing, Personal Finance and Economics. The Personal Finance class arguably has the biggest impact.

Kennett said she often gets comments

from parents who say their children are able to complete complex math equations, but don’t have the ability to complete menial daily tasks.

“When I tell people what I teach, they say ‘Personal Finance, I wish that was

required when I was in high school,’” she said. “From my perspective, as far as real-world stuff, the CTE courses that students take is where it’s at.”

She said she takes a hands-on approach with her students because it makes things easier to remember.

“I’m personally better with anything I can do hands-on, and if I can try it on projects and hands-on experiments, it’s way better for me,” she said.

Her courses are broken down to the seemingly obvious, such as reading pay stubs to make sure students understand gross pay versus net pay to make sure they’re getting paid the right amount each pay period. They also discuss taxes to make sure students understand the different forms they’ll need to have in order to file each year.

Even though simple tasks such as pay stubs and taxes are an afterthought for adults who’ve been in the workforce for several years, Kennett said she understands it’s new for students who are preparing for adulthood.

“I don’t know if I knew at their age,” she said. “But I’m hoping we can get these kids ahead of the curve.”

BUSINESS BRIEF

Brandon architect named SBA’s ‘Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year’



Todd Stone

across the country to their community leadership and achievements. This year’s National Small Business Week is April 30-May 6.

The SBA South Dakota District Office has selected outstanding recipients in eight different categories.

“With approximately 90,000 South Dakota small businesses, the competition is robust,” Jaime Wood, SBA SD district director, said in a press release. “The 2023 awardees have demonstrated year after year they have the business leadership skills to navigate their organizations and teams to excellent customer service, sales, and commu-

nity support.”

The following are the 2023 award recipients for South Dakota:

Small Business Persons of the Year: Denise Cotter and Michelle Marino, co-chief executive officers of Houndstooth House, Sioux Falls

Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year: Todd Stone, Stone Group Architects - Sioux Falls

Small Business Exporter of the Year: Alisa Turner, Ruff Land Performance Kennels - Tea

Family-Owned Small Business of the Year: The Willard Family, CAW Industries - Rapid City

Minority-Owned Small Business of the Year: Dan Duenwald, Dan Duenwald Transportation - Clark

Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year: Tia Berens, The Barn at Aspen Acres - Spearfish

Young Entrepreneur of the Year: Fallon Deutsch, Distinctly Drey - Langford

Small Business Champion of the Year: Dew Bad Warrior-Ganje - Rapid City
This is the 60th year of National Small Business Week since former President John F. Kennedy started it in 1963. The public is able to nominate businesses each fall prior to the annual celebration.

“We’re excited to bring these small businesses forward, to honor their dedication and perseverance,” Wood said.

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VS SCHOOL HISTORY cont. from page 6

Wilkins, principal of Brandon Elementary and Jr. High, and Charles Langner, principal at Valley Springs.

New bus barn

In 1977, the old bus barn, located on Broadway Avenue, was sold at auction. A new garage to house eight buses was built on the southwest corner of the school property.

Alumni

When the school reorganization plans were being formulated, some of the alumni decided to form an alumni association to keep in touch with former graduates and preserve our heritage.

Gertrude Hoogers, Helen Mathison and Blanche Outka met at the school house, went through records, finding the names of all the graduates starting with the class of 1916. One member of each class was asked to notify his/her classmates of the first Valley Springs High School Reunion to be held June 30, 1962.

There were 350 alumni and former teachers attending the first reunion. At that meeting, Dave Olson was elected president; Dean Gage, vice president; and Mrs. Jack Den Herder, secretary-treasurer. The motion passed to have the alumnus pay dues of 50 cents every five years, and to hold the second reunion in 1967. Included in the alumni association are members of their two-year high school 1902-16, all four-year graduates, 1916-62, with the exception of 1917 and 1918 when no classes were graduated during World War I; and students who began high school in Valley Springs

In 1967, the second reunion was considered a decided success, the officers, committees in charge of the dinner, program, decorations and in arranging the detail should be commended. Officers for the third reunion were elected: Leland Anderson, president; Bob Severson, vice president; and Mrs. Jack Den Herder, re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

A bit of nostalgia was added to the program when four alumni gals showed what the basketball girls wore in the 1920's. The girls wearing black bloomers with white middies were Doris Skillman, Mildred Smith, Pearl Elofson and Blanche Outka.

The third reunion was in 1972, which the revealing of the time capsule of 1922. Fifty years of history was read to the group. Miss Jenney was a guest speaker.

Some of the history was: John Tamaris was custodian at Valley Springs for 29 years, and Archie Elliott had 30 years dedicated service to Valley Springs and Brandon Valley School Boards of Education. He summed it up as, "It was a satisfying opportunity for community service."

Officers for the fourth reunion were elected: President, Ronald Scott; vice president, Richard Bonander; secretary-treasurer, Lois Hansen.

The fourth reunion was held July 2, 1977, with Eldon Pletcher as toastmaster. Richard Bonander gave the invocation and Lois Hansen gave the welcome. A few of those in attendance were superintendents, Walter Brugger, Ed Ross, Harold Indall; teachers, Ellen Johnson, June Smith, Jane O'Daniel, Gladys C. Lee, Eleanor Hansen, Linda Phillips, Blanche Outka, Eleanor Hubbard Indall, Jerry L. Hainje and Vivian Olson. Jerry Hainje gave a piano medley and led a sing-along with Marilyn Smith accompanying. There were about 350 attending. It was mentioned at each reunion one could visit people you had not seen at previous reunions.

The fifth reunion will be during the summer of 1982 with president, Stuart Smith; vice president, Gary Elofson; and secretary-treasurer, Lorraine Bjork, making the arrangements.

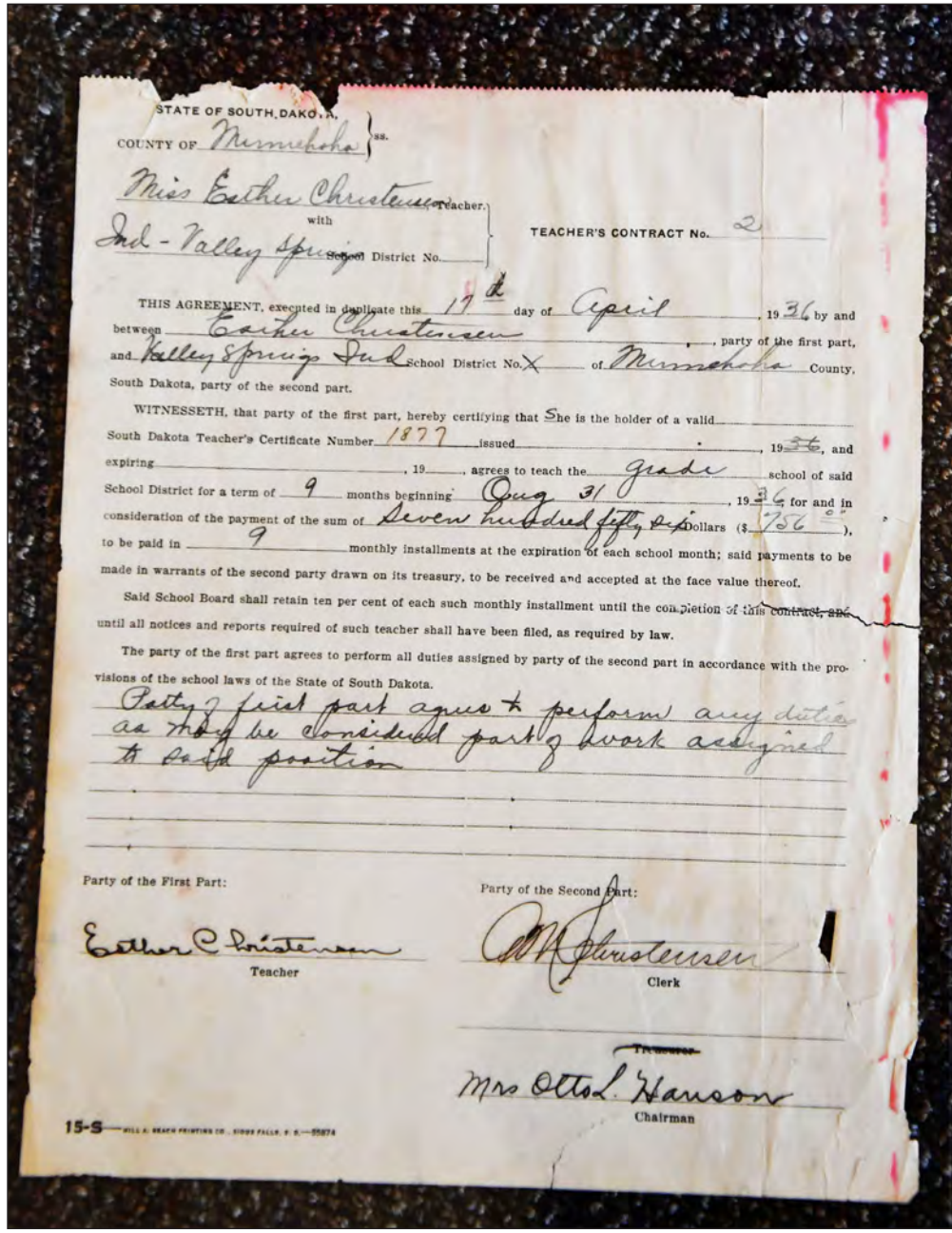


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Lucille Claussen is pictured with three generations of students she taught in her 35 years of service as a classroom teacher. She had Mike Bodewitz as a third-grade student, Mike's father, Kenny Bodewitz, was a second-grade student for Mrs. Claussen in Valley Springs Elementary, and Mike's grandfather, Henry Aljets was a student when she taught in rural Luverne, Minn.



A message from Supt. Dr. Jarod Larson

The Valley Springs School centennial marks a significant milestone in Brandon Valley history. For 100 years the Valley Springs School, which has served a wide-variety of grade levels over its history, has been a beacon of learning within the Brandon Valley School District. The centennial celebration is a testament to the community and all the students, staff, and families that have been part of this remarkable journey. As we celebrate the school building's centennial, we are proud of the countless accomplishments achieved by the students and staff of the Valley Springs School during the past 100 hundred years. Please, join us for a special centennial celebration on Friday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the Valley Springs Elementary Gymnasium.



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Valley Springs Elementary fourth graders – Destany Jennings, Andrew Kelly, Tucker Kiefer work on honing their computer skills.



Lanette Thompson has been the school secretary for 18 years.



The sturdy stairs leading visitors to the second floor feature the columns that have kept the time capsules and their contents for decades.



Just as they have for decades, school race out to the bus at the end of the day.



'If these walls could talk ...'

I'm so happy to see these children return each year. Even though there seems to be fewer each year, they still bring so much life to this school. Whenever I get a chance, I want to tell them about the days when their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents went to school here. There have been a lot of changes; what they wear, the games they play, and definitely the technology they use. However, it pleases me to say that I still see that Valley Springs' Pride. I'm pretty sure that is what keeps these walls so strong and sturdy!

Mary Mudder

Valley Springs Elementary Principal & Assistant Director of Special Services

Valley Springs Elementary Principal Mary Mudder works at her desk. This is her first year in the principal role, although she has been with the district a number of years.

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Sports

THE LYNX WAY

BVHS, GHS seniors awarded Sioux Valley Energy scholarships
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Five seniors from Brandon Valley High School and two from Garretson High School are among the recipients. From BVHS are **Elizabeth Aaseng** (\$750), **Tristan Niewenhuis** (\$750), **Vander Sage** (\$750), **Emily Wright** (\$500) and **Jared Zerr** (\$500). Garretson recipients are **Drew Pederson** (\$1,000) and **Zachary Uhl** (\$750).

"Applications were judged on the basis of grades, work experience, school activities, future career plans, volunteer and community service, along with an essay question," said Tim McCarthy, CEO/general manager. "One of Sioux Valley Energy's core principles is commitment to community. These scholarships follow through on that commitment, helping many motivated and talented young people earn a college degree."

LYNX PAWS

Splitrock Ladies Bowling League results

The Splitrock Ladies Bowling League bowled March 14, producing these results: High Team Game, Steve's Electric, 902; High Team Series, JSA Engineers/Land Surveyors, 2,569; High Individual Game & Series, Jan Fonder, 176 & 491.

Brenda Jones and Barb Caffrey both picked up the 5-6 split; Marlene Blum picked up the 3-10 split twice.

Olthoff, Morgan garner Metro All-Conference honors

Staff report

Brandon Valley is represented on the 2022-23 Metro All-Conference Boys Basketball by two. The Lynx selections are among the six honorable mentions. Both Josh Olthoff, a 6-foot-8 center, and Lukas Morgan, a 6-7 forward hail from the junior class.

The other honorable mentions are junior Jackson Brouwer and seniors Abraham Kamara and Jack Radel from Sioux Falls Roosevelt, and

senior Zharic Sheppard from Sioux Falls Washington.

The Metro All-Conference First Team includes the following: **Sioux Falls Jefferson** – Seniors, Taylen Ashley, Kaden Year and Griffin Wilde; **Sioux Falls Lincoln** – Juniors, JT Rock and Tate Schafer, and senior Elliott Whitney; **Harrisburg** – Senior Ethan Determan and junior Jacoby Mehrman; **O'Gorman** – Matt Eng, senior; **Sioux Falls Washington** – Senior Mandalla Mohamed.



Josh Olthoff



Lukas Morgan



Jill Meier/BV Journal

BV's Hilary Behrens will play in the 3-Class Shootout.

Behrens to represent Lady Lynx at post-season event 3-Class Shootout

Staff report

The 35th annual 3-Class Shootout basketball All-Star game will be held Saturday, March 25 at the McCook Central Auditorium in Salem. All three classes in both boys and girls will be represented by many of the top seniors in South Dakota. Game times are as follows:

- 2 p.m.: AA girls vs. A girls'
- 3:30 p.m.: B girls vs. winner of first girls' game
- 5:15 p.m.: AA boys vs. A boys'
- Dunk contest follows first boys' game
- 7 p.m.: B boys vs. winner of first boys' game

Here's a look at the rosters of each class/team:

Class "B" Girls: Leah Williams, Wolsey-Wessington; Coral Mason, Viborg-Hurley; Dena Mach, Viborg-Hurley; Mallory Miller, Wolsey-Wessington; Jessy VanDerWerff, Gregory; Jady Jensen, Jones Co.; Ella Griffin Dells St. Mary's; Kate Connor, Howard; Jada Burke, DeSmet

Class "A" Girls: Kami Wadsworth, Hamlin; Reese Ross, St. Thomas More; Emma Yost, Wagner; Leah Herbster, Vermillion; Landree Wilson, Sioux Valley; Shalayne Nagel, Wagner; Trinity Watson, Florence-Henry; Tyra Gates, Miller; Logan Bly, Garretson; Mollie Thornton, West Central

Class "AA" Girls: Hilary Behrens, Brandon Valley; Cierra Watkins, SF Jefferson; Brooklyn Harpe, SF Washington; Hannah Harpe, SF Washington; Remington Price, Pierre; Isabella Ellwein, Huron; Macey Wathen, RC Stevens; Jaida Young, Watertown; Mariah Siem, SF Lincoln; Hannah Eide, Harrisburg

Class "B" Boys: Joe Saylor, White River; Malek Wiekler, Aberdeen Christian; Ethan Russell, Aberdeen Christian; Damon Wilkinson, DeSmet; Brian La Roche Jr, Lower Brule; Gavin Thigh, Lower Brule; Sutton Arend, Bridgewater-Emery; Cooper Long, Lyman; Sam Hand, Philip, Logan Bobzin Centerville

Class "A" Boys: Isaac Bruns, Dakota Valley; Randy Rosenquist, Dakota Valley; Oliver Vincent, Sioux Valley; Blake Volmer, Winner; Reed Rus, MVP; Caleb Hollenbeck, St Thomas More; Brayden Pankonen, Dell Rapids; Ethan Bruns, SF Christian; Damon Opdahl, Waubay-Summit; Ethan Cheeseman, Hanson

Class "AA" Boys: Ethan Determan, Harrisburg; Matt Eng, SF O'Gorman; Kaden Year, SF Jefferson; Taylen Ashley, SF Jefferson; Elliot Whitney, SF Lincoln; Spencer Barr, Aberdeen Central; Dylan Soulek, Mitchell; Jackson Edman, Pierre; Steele Morgan, Mitchell; Rugby Ryken, Yankton

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NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR HOME OCCUPATION
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Brandon Planning and Zoning Commission on the 6th day of April, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brandon Council Chambers, 308 S. Main Avenue, Brandon, South Dakota; This hearing will be conducted to consider granting a permit for a Home Occupation allowing for the following: To operate an in-home business of applying cerakote or hydrographics, install accessories (optics, grips, lights, etc) to firearms, and sell firearms and accessories.

The legal description and property address is:
 Lot 7 Block 8 Fleetwood Addition (1107 E. Lark Street)
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any interested person or their attorney or representative may appear and be heard. Dated this 16th day of March, 2023
 Published one time at the approximate cost of \$7.17.

Mar 22, 2023

MINUTES

The Brandon Planning & Zoning Commission met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on March 2, 2023 at the Brandon City Council Chambers.

Roll call was taken. Members present were Commissioners Thomas Nichols, Brookes Noem, Chuck Parsons, Rob Schoeneman and Alicia Thiele. Also present were Alderman Tim Jorgenson, Building Official Paul Clarke and Development Director Patrick Andrews. Absent: Commissioner Brian Heidbrink, Mayor Harry Buck, City Administrator Bryan Read and City Engineer Tami Jansma.

Commissioner Nichols moved Commissioner Parsons seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thiele moved Commissioner Noem seconded to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held, as advertised, to consider a Home Occupation Permit Application for 200 W. Holly Blvd. Applicants Brian & Valerie Spencer, Canada, were present for discussion. Brian & Valerie are requesting to open an in-home hair salon in the basement of the property located at 200 W. Holly Blvd. Commissioner Parsons moved Commissioner Schoeneman seconded to approve the home occupation permit application as presented. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held, as advertised, to consider the proposed Off-Street Parking Definitions. Commissioner Nichols moved Commissioner Noem seconded to make a do-pass recommendation of approval to City Council. Motion carried.

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Preliminary plans were presented for Stone Ridge Estates Addition. Brian Jackson, VanBuskirk Companies, was present for discussion. Commissioner Parsons moved Commissioner Schoeneman seconded to make a do-pass recommendation of approval to City Council. Motion carried.

Discussion held on IN-Institutional District as it pertains to sports venues/events centers. Discussion held on signage in Aspen Park. No further action taken at this time.

Building permits for February were presented: #20230009 - #20230011. No action required.

At 7:00 p.m. having no further business, Commissioner Parsons moved Commissioner Nichols seconded to adjourn the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Melissa Labahn, Recording Clerk; Patrick Andrews, Development Director.
 Published one time at the approximate cost of \$19.71.

Mar 22, 2023

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council in and for the City of Brandon, South Dakota, on the 3rd day of April, 2023, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 308 S. Main Avenue, Brandon, SD, will meet in regular session to consider the following application for a Package Off-Sale Liquor License to operate within the municipality for the licensing period January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023.

Kwik Trip Inc, Package Off-Sale Liquor
 Kwik Star #1201, 101 N Heritage Rd, Brandon, SD 57005

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person, persons, or their attorney may appear and be heard at said public hearing who are interested in the approval or rejection of any such application. Dated this 15th day of March, 2023.
 Christina Smith, Finance Officer
 Published one time at the approximate cost of \$6.91.

Mar 22, 2023

BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF VACANCY
 The following School Board position will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the following school board member:

1) Board Member - 3 year term
 Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on April 11, 2023 and petitions may be filed in the office of the Business Manager located at 300 S. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon, South Dakota between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. central daylight savings time not later than May 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or mailed by registered mail not later than May 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Paul J. Lundberg, Business Manager
 Published two times at the approximate cost of \$12.10.

Mar 22, 29, 2023

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Brandon Valley Board of Education, Brandon, SD was held at 6:30 p.m. on the 13th of February 2023 at the Brandon Valley High School Community Room with

the following members present: Renee Ullom, Gregg Ode, Ellie Saxer, Nick Scott, and David Bell. Absent: none. Also present were Superintendent Jarod Larson, Business Manager Paul Lundberg, High School Principal Mark Schlekeway, Activities Director Bill Freking, Associate High School Principal Jordan Paula, Valley Springs Elementary Principal Mary Mudder, Brandon Elementary Principal Merle Horst, Robert Bennis Elementary Principal Kristin Hofkamp, Fred Assam Elementary Principal Susan Foster, Inspiration Elementary Principal Tanya Palmer, and Director of Instruction Sherri Nelson.

Renee Ullom called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Bell to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Ode, seconded by Saxer to approve the minutes of the board of education regular meeting of February 13, 2023 and February 27, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Bell, seconded by Scott to approve the bills & claims as submitted (see attached).

Motion carried.

The cash report for the month of February, 2023 showed receipts of \$4,272,288.03 and disbursements of \$4,695,406.35 leaving a balance of \$1,671,025.57. The General Fund had receipts of \$3,949,865.20, and disbursements of \$3,255,685.17, leaving a balance of \$8,086,913.47. Capital Outlay Fund had receipts of \$37,584.89, and disbursements of \$718,727.10, leaving a balance of \$2,622,152.00. Special Education Fund had receipts of \$266,496.27, and disbursements of \$719,944.49 leaving a balance of \$868,070.82. Bond Redemption Fund had receipts of \$15,261.67, and had disbursements of \$0.00, leaving a balance of \$15,261.67. Lastly, the Enterprise Fund had receipts of \$3,080.00 and disbursements of \$1,049.59, leaving a balance of \$78,627.52.

The February, 2023 payroll totaled \$2,497,405.78 which \$1,344,596.51 was instructional, \$543,794.20 was support services, \$45,538.04 was co-curricular, \$444,333.61 was Special Education, \$118,168.42 was Food Service, and \$975.00 was Driver's Education.

Motion by Saxer, seconded by Ode to approve the financial reports as presented for the month of February, 2023. Motion carried.

Administrative reports were presented. Superintendent Jarod Larson reported on the following:

Navigator CO2 Pipeline - application for party status through the Public Utility Commission has been submitted and approved for party status. Party status provides information, communication, and opportunity to comment on a pipeline that is tentatively scheduled to run between Brandon and the community of Valley Springs as the process is worked through. Currently, the Brandon Valley School District is neither a proponent nor opponent; we simply want to receive the information and have the opportunity to comment in this process.

The Superintendent Evaluation process is currently in progress with the following timeline: February 13, 2023 - Distributed evaluation tool; February 27, 2023 - Evaluation due to School Board President, Renee Ullom; March 13, 2023 - Discuss performance evaluation (executive session); and April 11, 2023 - Tentative contract negotiations (executive session).

The 2023-24 Budget process overview began with 5-Year plan completion by Administration in December, 2022 and an overview of those plans at the regular Board of Education meeting of February 27, 2023. Budget forms/documents were distributed early January, 2023. The Business Office will compile and review budget forms in March 2023. Also, at tonight's meeting (March 13, 2023), we will approve new staffing positions and later in March the preliminary Capital Outlay budget will be presented for approval in order for major items to be bid in a timely manner. In May 2023, we will hold a preliminary budget presentation and in July 2023, we will hold the public budget hearing for potential action.

Tentative 2023-24 negotiations timeline/wage recommendations will begin with a pre-negotiation meeting between the BVSD Admin and the Brandon Valley Education Association (BVEA) on March 20, 2023. The Personnel Welfare and BVEA plan to meet on March 23, 2023 with a scheduled BOE Executive Session for negotiations.

preparations on March 27, 2023. A Personnel Welfare/BVEA Negotiations meeting is then scheduled for March 29, 2023 with additional dates scheduled thereafter, (if necessary). Tentatively, at the April 11, 2023 Board of Education regular meeting we will plan to ratify the 2023-24 Master Contract, approve Classified wage recommendation/approve Administration Salary recommendations, and enter Superintendent contract negotiations.

Legislative Session Update: Joint Associated School Boards of South Dakota (ASBSD)/School Administrators of South Dakota (SASD)/Large School Group Information Resources are available on their web-site. Currently awaiting Governor Noem's signature is a proposed 7.1% increase to K-12 public education.

The March 31, 2023 in-service presentation will host professional motivational speaker Hamish Brewer to include Classified staff participation training along with the Certified staff participation and their Collaborative Learning Communities.

A School Board Election for one (1), three-year (3-year) seat will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 (if necessary). The earliest date to circulate a petition is April 11, 2023; the deadline for return of petitions is May 12, 2023 (candidates must file a Financial Interest Statement within 15 days of filing a nominating petition). If you have any further questions regarding this process, please contact the Business Office. Board member Ellie Saxer's seat is the open seat for this upcoming school board term and she stated that she is planning to take out a petition.

The 2022-23 School Calendar items include the following: Monday, March 13, 2023 - IS/MS Parent-Teacher Conferences; Tuesday, March 14, 2023 - HS/EL Parent-Teacher Conferences; Friday,

March 17, 2023 - No school (comp day); and Friday, March 31, 2023 - No school, in-service day; Thursday, April 6, 2023 - two hour early dismissal (Spring break); Friday/Monday, April 7 & 10, 2023 - No school (Spring break).

BVHS Addition Schedule (Overview of Important Dates)
 - Wednesday, June 1, 2022 - BVHS Addition Construction began
 - Friday, June 16, 2023 - Substantial Completion
 - Friday, June 30, 2023 - Final Completion
 - Tuesday, August 15, 2023 - Science Room/Restroom Renovation Completion

The BVHS Addition priorities include General Classrooms, Ground Floor Special Education, Science Lab Classrooms, Maximize Land Usage/Upgrade East Facility Face, all while minimizing the impact to parking.

A BVHS High School Addition - Information website has been created as a centralized communication hub providing project information and timelines relevant to HS information including bus loop, traffic flow, parking, etc. Visit this information site at <https://j1163.k12.sd.us/2022%20BVHS%20Classroom%20Addition%20Project.html>.

Pictures shared at tonight's meeting included the following construction work in progress: Area A, B, and C exterior; Area A painting/ceiling grid/MEP rough-in, drywall, painting and windows, girl's restroom, and science lab; Area B interior classroom and electrical interior; Area C interior masonry, exterior sheathing and steel studs.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Bell to approve the following general business items:

1. Approve Board Member appointments to the area Equalization Boards. Meeting dates and times:
 ° Brandon, Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers - Renee Ullom

(Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 6:00 p.m. is reserved as an alternate date.)
 - Ellie Saxer

° Splitrock Township, Monday, March 20, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at Splitrock Township Fire Department - Gregg Ode

° Valley Springs, Monday, March 20, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at Valley Springs Legion Hall - Nick Scott

° Minnehaha and Lincoln County, Monday, March 20, 2022, 3:00 p.m. at Carnegie Town Hall - David Bell

° Sioux Falls, (times yet to be determined) - unknown when BV/Sioux Falls properties will be scheduled for appeals, but board members are available to cover the local Sioux Falls Board Schedule - Minnehaha County Administration Building - Board members as needed

2. Approve Independent Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2022 by ELO CPAs & Advisors, as presented.

3. Approve change order #2 for the Brandon Valley High School Classroom Addition for an additional amount of \$27,796.00, as presented.

4. Approve membership agreement for Child Nutrition Directorship Shared Services, effective for the 2023-24 school year, as presented.

Motion carried.

Superintendent Jarod Larson reviewed the following new positions for the 2023-24 school year as follows:

General Fund staffing requests (part 1):
 1.0 FTE Brandon Valley High School English Language Arts (ELA) Teacher

1.0 FTE Brandon Valley High School Science Teacher

1.0 FTE Brandon Valley Middle School Math Teacher

1.0 FTE Brandon Valley Intermediate School 6th Grade Science Teacher

1.0 FTE Brandon Valley Intermediate School 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher

1.0 FTE Fred Assam Elementary Teacher (CSR 3rd Grade - previously ESSER funded)

1.0 FTE Inspiration Elementary Teacher (CSR 2nd Grade - previously ESSER funded)

1.0 FTE Inspiration Elementary Teacher (CSR 4th Grade - previously ESSER funded)

General Fund staffing requests (part 1) - continued:
 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher (English Language Learner - ELL) - (previously ESSER funded)

1.0 FTE Brandon Valley Intermediate School Counselor (previously ESSER funded)

1.0 FTE Brandon Valley Middle School Counselor (previously ESSER funded)

1.0 FTE Brandon Valley High School Counselor (previously ESSER funded)

1.0 FTE Fred Assam/Inspiration Elementary School Nurse (previously ESSER funded)

1.0 FTE Brandon Valley Middle School Tier 2 Behavior EA (previously ESSER funded)

1.0 FTE Brandon Valley Middle School Counselor (previously ESSER funded)

1.0 FTE Brandon Valley High School Counselor (previously ESSER funded)

1.0 FTE Fred Assam/Inspiration Elementary School Nurse (previously ESSER funded)

1.0 FTE Brandon Valley Middle School Tier 2 Behavior EA (previously ESSER funded)

Motion by Saxer, seconded by Bell to approve the 2023-24 General Fund Additional Staffing request of \$1,000,000 as presented. Motion carried.

Superintendent Jarod Larson reviewed the following new positions for the 2023-24 school year as follows:

Special Education Fund staffing requests:
 2.0 FTE K-12 Special Education Teachers (K-12, Grade levels/buildings TBD)
 3.0 FTE Special Education Educational Assistants (K-12 Grade levels/buildings TBD)
 Physical/Occupational Therapist Services: \$35,000 (contracted with Teachwell)
 Behavior Analyst Services: \$45,000 (contracted with Teachwell)

Base - \$ 50,113.00, plus 10-day extended Contract ~ \$2,769.00, Total salary ~ \$52,882.00.

effective for the 2023-24 school year, based on the 2022-23 hiring schedule.

5. Approve resignation of Ivy Ramsey, BE Art Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

6. Approve resignation of Allison Pravecek, BE 3rd Grade Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

7. Approve resignation of Michael Walker, BVHS Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

8. Approve resignation of Amy Kasten, BVHS Art Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

9. Approve recommendation to hire Danica Kocer, BVHS Chemistry Teacher, BA Step Base ~ \$49,493.00, effective for the 2023-24 school year, based on the 2022-23 hiring schedule.

10. Approve leave without pay for Naome Poppe, BVHS Family and Consumer Science Teacher, effective April 19-21 and April 24-25, 2023 for five days.

11. Approve leave without pay for Sandra VanVoorst, Inspiration Elementary Child Nutrition Manager, effective May 30-31 and June 1, 2023 for three days.

12. Approve recommendation to hire Adrienne Steven, Substitute Van Driver, paid according to the transportation hiring schedule, effective March 14, 2023.

13. Approve recommendation to hire Brent Hubers, Substitute Van Driver, paid according to the transportation hiring schedule, effective March 14, 2023.

14. Approve recommendation to hire through transfer, Emily Johnson, from daytime BE Custodian to BE Special Education Educational Assistant, full-time, \$16.95/hour, effective March 13, 2023.

15. Approve resignation from Erica Karl, RBE 3rd Grade Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

16. Approve resignation from Kristin VanBuskirk, BE Special Education Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

17. Approve recommendation to hire the following substitutes for the 2022-23 school year: Lindsay Fenton.

Motion Carried.
 The Board of Education reviewed the following (presented for information only):

1. Request for maternity leave by Christine Halvorson, Inspiration Elementary English Language Learner Teacher, effective on or around June 1, 2023 for approximately twelve weeks.

2. Request for maternity leave by Mallory Efta, RBE Kindergarten Teacher, effective on or around May 8, 2023 for approximately 6 weeks.

3. Request for maternity leave by Allison Eddy, CNS Registered Dietitian, effective on or around May 15, 2023 for approximately 12 weeks.

4. Request for leave without pay from Tamara Gorsuch, BVHS Special Education Educational Assistant, effective April 7, 2023 through the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Communication received by the Central Office and Board of Education we reviewed. They included:

1. Building Permit Applications - February 2023.

2. Thank you from Melissa Garrow and family for the plant sent in memory of her Dad, Bob Young.

Board reports were presented. Board President Renee Ullom reported on the Alternative Education Committee and a recent story that highlighted Teachwell and an award they received regarding telehealth/ teletherapy that was successfully incorporated with one of their students.

Board Member Ellie Saxer reported on behalf of the Personnel Welfare Committee in regard to the upcoming scheduled negotiations and the mutual respect that is held among the Board of Education, the Brandon Valley Administration, and the Brandon Valley Education Association. This supportive relationship is rare and is something that Saxer is very thankful.

Saxer also commented regarding the parent-teacher conferences that are taking place this week and thanked the faculty and staff on the creative ways in which our students are kept informed and engaged in this process.

Motion by Ode, seconded by Bell to go into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. per SDCL 1-25-2.1 ~ Superintendent's Evaluation. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education came out of Executive Session and into Open Session at 8:34 p.m.

Motion by Saxer, seconded by Ode to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Education this 11th day of April, 2023.

Invoice Listing:
 PAYEE, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT;
 A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC, DISTRICT-COPIER LEASE, 7,125.00;
 FAE-COPIER SUPPLIES, 173.76;
 IE-COPIER SUPPLIES, 94.38;
 RBE-COPIER SUPPLIES, 94.38;
 PRINT SHOP SUPPLIES, 420.60;
 A TO Z WORLD LANGUAGES, INC, INTERPRETER SVCS, 75.00;
 AAD-LAND, CORY, GB SUPERVISION, 50.00;
 ABDO/SPOTLIGHT/MAGIC WAGON, MS-LIBRARY BOOKS, 502.76;
 ACE HARDWARE - BRANDON, BE-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 92.74;
 FAE-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 72.19;
 HS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 173.87;
 HS-ONE ACT PLAY SUPPLIES, 109.94;
 HS-WOODS SUPPLIES, 122.46;
 IS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 11.99;
 MS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 63.70;
 RBE-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 89.94;
 VSE-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 9.99;
 GROUNDS SUPPLIES, 70.19;
 MAINT SHOP SUPPLIES, 3.98;
 PICKUP REPAIRS, 53.98;
 SNOW REMOVAL, 1,960.00;
 TRANSPORTATION SUPPLIES, 172.91;
 ALLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES-TELEPHONE/INTERNET, 10,277.00;
 ALTENBURG, JIM, BBB SUPERVISION, 50.00;
 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, BE-PRINCIPAL SUPPLIES, 195.93;
 HS-MATH SUPPLIES (GRANT), 620.03;
 HS-TEXTBOOKS, 77.71;
 HS-WOOD SUPPLIES, 83.20;
 MS-PRINCIPAL SUPPLIES, 29.98;
 VSE-CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, 215.92;
 SPEC ED SUPPLIES, 20.99;
 SPEC ED SUPPLIES, 25.98;
 FINE ARTS NIGHT SUPPLIES, 360.72;
 IT SUPPLIES, 47.97;
 STAFF WELLNESS SUPPLIES, 300.69;
 ANDERA, BRIAN, BBB OFFICIAL, 90.00;
 ANDERSEN, LUKE, BBB OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 135.76;
 A-OX WELDING SUPPLY CO,

HS-IND TECH SUPPLIES, 286.81;
 ARCHITECTURE, INC, HS ADDITION-ARCHITECT FEES, 7,742.00;
 BADGER, TEYA, BBB WORKER, 157.50;
 GBB WORKER, 102.50;
 WRES WORKER, 82.50;
 BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS, BE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 44.35;
 BOB'S PIANO SERVICE, PAC-PIANO TUNING, 120.00;
 BOHRER, JOHN, BBB OFFICIAL, 90.00;
 BOHRER, MONTY, BBB OFFICIAL, 90.00;
 BORCHARDT, DEAN, GBB OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 93.60;
 BOSCH, MERLYN, BUS DRIVER PHYSICAL, 75.00;
 BOUND TO STAY BOUND INC, BE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 259.66;
 FAE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 23.58;
 IE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 64.84;
 RBE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 172.55;
 VSE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 61.64;
 BRANDON, CITY OF, UTILITIES-WATER/SEWER, 12,189.85;
 BRANDON LUMBER CO, INC, HS-ONE ACT PLAY SUPPLIES, 689.66;
 BROUWER, BROOKLYN, SPEC ED SUPPLIES, 180.20;
 BROWN, CHRIS, BBB OFFICIAL, 195.00;
 GBB OFFICIAL, 135.00;
 BUILDERS SUPPLY COMPANY, BE-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 28.50;
 BURGGRAAF, MELISSA, MILEAGE, 97.92;
 BRANDON VALLEY MEDIA GROUP, LEGALS, 401.66;
 BVSD ADVANCED PAYMENTS, ADVANCED PAYMENTS, 4,103.19;
 CENTURY LINK, UTILITIES-TELEPHONE, 163.44;
 CHILDREN'S CARE HOSPITAL, TUITION, 4,410.00;
 CHILDRENS HOME SOCIETY, TUITION, 7,899.66;
 CHS INC, FUEL-LP, 2,504.03;
 CLUBHOUSE HOTEL & SUITES, TRAVEL-AD, 152.12;
 TRAVEL-SPEC ED DIR, 162.92;
 CONCORDANCE HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS, DISTRICT-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 236.00;
 CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, UTILITIES-GAS, 37,482.94;
 CORE EDUCATIONAL COOP, ONLINE COURSES, 27,430.00;
 CORNEMANN, DAVE, WRES OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 409.84;
 THE CREATIVE COMPANY, BE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 181.79;
 CULLIGAN WATER OF SIOUX FALLS, BE-WATER SYSTEM RENTAL, 129.60;
 FAE-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 104.40;
 HS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 60.90;
 MS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 185.00;
 MS-WATER SYSTEM RENTAL, 108.00;
 DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC, BUS REPAIRS, 55.21;
 DAKOTA POTTERS SUPPLY, HS-ART SUPPLIES, 172.00;
 DECKERT, JILL, BBB WORKER, 40.00;
 GBB WORKER, 65.00;
 DEGROOT, DREW, WRES OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 342.64;
 DEINERT, ANDY, BBB OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 163.84;
 DESPIEGLER, GREGG, BBB OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 378.08;
 DUKE RENTALS, GROUNDS SUPPLIES, 147.20;
 DUST-TEX SERVICE, INC, LAUNDRY, 1,968.74;
 BE-FLOOR MATS, 2,236.00;
 DVORACEK, TODD, WRES OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 409.00;
 ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION, DISTRICT-PEST CONTROL, 363.68;
 EDMAN, ZACH, BBB OFFICIAL, 180.00;
 EIMERS, JERAMIE, WRES OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 346.42;
 ELO PROF LLC, AUDIT FEE, 11,000.00;
 ENGRAVER'S EDGE, QUIZ BOWL SUPPLIES, 87.00;
 ENTRINGER, AARON, BBB OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 163.84;
 ENTRINGER, PETE, GBB OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 113.68;
 ERNSTE, AMBER, RBE-CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, 400.99;
 FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT RC, TRAVEL-AD, 197.11;
 TRAVEL-HS PRINCIPAL, 197.11;
 TRAVEL-SUPT, 197.11;
 FISHER SCIENTIFIC, HS-SCIENCE SUPPLIES, 113.70;
 FLEET PRIDE, BUS REPAIRS, 39.06;
 BUS REPAIRS-#172, 815.74;
 FLINT, JILL, BE-CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, 119.70;
 FLOWER MILL, BOE SUPPLIES, 75.00;
 F MACOUSTICAL TILE COMPANY, HS-CEILING TILE, 416.00;
 FORTIN, ROD, WRES OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 346.00;
 FRAZIER, MARLANA, MILEAGE, 9.18;
 FREKING, BILL, FUEL, 90.81;
 FREKING, HALEY, BBB WORKER, 25.00;
 FREKING, KYA, BBB WORKER, 25.00;
 FULL SWING GOLF INC, HS GOLF-LAUNCH MONITOR, 4,400.00;
 GARROW, JON, GBB OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 109.24;
 GEHRKE, HEIDI, MILEAGE, 137.70;
 GEOTEK ENGINEERING & TESTING, HS ADDITION-TESTING FEES, 1,457.50;
 GILLETTE, ZACK, WRES WORKER

SCHWINT, RONALD, WRES WORKER, 125.00; SDHSAA, HS-ONE ACT PLAY SUPPLIES, 45.00; SSDU BANDS, REGISTRATION, 300.00; SELCHERT, JASON, BBB OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 163.84; SIOUX FALLS UTILITIES, UTILITIES-WATER/SEWER, 1,303.15; SHAYKETT, CAL, SPEECH JUDGE, 75.00; SITTING, MELANIE, HS-ONE ACT PLAY SUPPLIES, 166.36; SJO LLC, SNOW REMOVAL, 20,355.00; SMART, RACHEL, SPEECH JUDGE, 75.00; SMITH, DAVID, BBB OFFICIAL, 90.00; GBB OFFICIAL, 90.00; SPEECH PARTNERS, SPEECH THERAPY SVCS, 10,267.60; STAPLES, (3) PRINTERS, 4,318.80; ASSISTANTIVE TECH, 228.71; COPIER PAPER, 4,318.80; STONE, SARA, BE-CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, 36.99; STRASSER, ABBIE, BE-CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, 100.00; STUDER, JAKE, BBB OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 203.14; STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE, BUS REPAIRS, 496.64; GROUNDS SUPPLIES, 5.49; MAINT SHOP SUPPLIES, 7.99; TRANSPORTATION SUPPLIES, 178.32; SUNDLING, TOM, GBB OFFICIAL, 90.00; SUNSHINE FOODS, DISTRICT SUPPLIES, 667.48; SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY, UTILITIES-ELECTRICITY, 92,050.82; TALCOTT, GREGG, GBB OFFICIAL, 560.00; TASC, FLEX SPENDING FEES, 612.75; TAYLOR, LEE, GBB OFFICIAL/MILEAGE, 258.20; TEACHWELL SOLUTIONS, COOP SVCS-CONTRACT QUARTERLY BILLING,; BCBA/AUTISM SUPPORT, 24,100.00; T, 63,475.00; PROJECT SEARCH, 9,050.00; PT, 61,425.00; STRIVE, 4,525.00; THRIVE, 15,837.50; COOP SVCS-MONTHLY BILLING,; PROSPER, 32,580.00; PSYCHOLOGIST, 210.00; SLP, 1,160.00; TEACHER SYNERGY LLC, MS-MATH SUPPLIES, 27.98; TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION IN EDUC, ONLINE COURSES, 4,550.00; THEISEN, AARON, BBB OFFICIAL, 90.00; GBB OFFICIAL, 90.00; THORSON, BRAD, BBB WORKER, 115.00; WRES WORKER, 125.00; TITAN MACHINERY, TOOLKAT REPAIRS, 3,569.14; TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, GROUNDS SUPPLIES, 255.66; MAINT SHOP SUPPLIES, 90.13; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC, TECH SUPPORT-BUS ROUTING SOFTWARE, 2,119.18; TYLER, ROBIN, HS-ELA SUPPLIES, 24.99; UNIVERSAL PEDIATRIC SERVICES, NURSING SVCS, 2,708.75; UNLOADED STILL LCL, BUS DRIVER-ALCOHOL/DRUG SCREENING, 396.65; URBAN, CHAD, WRES WORKER, 40.00; VALLEY SPRINGS BODY SHOP, PICKUP REPAIRS-#86, 515.00; VALLEY SPRINGS, CITY OF, UTILITIES-WATER/SEWER, 325.00; VAN EDE, LORI, PAC WORKER, 100.00; VANDEBERG, SARAH, BBB WORKER, 40.00; VANLOH, CATHY, MILEAGE, 87.21; VANROEKEL, REBECCA, TRAVEL, 195.82; VERIZON WIRELESS, MOBILE PHONES, 161.84; UNIVERSAL CORPORATE SERVICES INC, GARBAGE PICKUP, 8,603.77; WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, SPEECH THERAPY FEE, 260.00; STEVE WEISS MUSIC, HS-BAND SUPPLIES, 74.00; WEST MUSIC, BE-VOCAL MUSIC SUPPLIES, 279.00; XCEL ENERGY, UTILITIES-ELECTRICITY, 4,225.21; XTREME FIRE PROTECTION LLC, FAE-FIRE SPRINKLER INSPECT, 287.50; HS-FIRE SPRINKLER INSPECT, 287.50; 1,698,824.03

Pay Vouchers:
 Elizabeth Aaker - Substitute, 225.00; Laurie Adams - Theater Usher, 40.00; Jessica Balt - Substitute, 450.00; Doug Barnes - Substitute, 900.00; Natalie Barthman - Substitute, 1,088.00; Paul Berndt - Winter Sports Video Board, 790.00; Krista Bickley - Substitute, 1,878.00; Andia Blake - Substitute, 3,800.00; Horizon Bosch - Substitute, 50.00; Sandy Breitzman - CNS Substitute, 76.00; Jennifer Brendsel - CNS Substitute, 132.00; Shanna Bressler - Substitute, 450.00; Jeremy Brewer - Substitute, 150.00; Dylan Brist - BBB Official, 140.00; Nancy Brown - Substitute, 150.00; Brenda Burch - Substi-

tute, 300.00; Lisa Burchill - Substitute, 450.00; Lauren Burrough - Substitute, 300.00; Kevin Callies - Substitute, 20.00; Suzanne Carroll - BBB Clock, Substitute, 280.00; Matt Christensen - Saturday School, Substitute, 170.00; Trista Christiansen - Bus Driving, 623.25; Janna Conrad - Theater Usher, 20.00; Chris Constant - Bus Driving, 1,117.70; Brady DeBelts - Substitute, 75.00; Stacey DeBoer - Substitute, 225.00; Brent Deckert - GBB/BBB Book, 180.00; Torren Devericks - Substitute, 225.00; Judith Donahoe - Substitute, 150.00; Patrick Donelan - Substitute, 1,695.00; Theresa Doss - Theater Usher, 100.00; Wilma Dreth - Substitute, 1,125.00; Kristin Dwire - Substitute, 112.00; Margaret Ely - Bus Driving, 59.16; Jessica Farley - Substitute, 150.00; Steven Farley - Theater Usher, 20.00; Duane Fiala - Substitute, 150.00; Brooke Finn - Bus Driving, 59.16; Sarah Fischenich - Substitute, 150.00; Jeff Fode - Theater Usher, 20.00; Bill Freking - Region WR Administration, 50.00; Anthony Garrow - Substitute, 1,350.00; Roxie Geerdes - BBB Clock, 175.00; Todd Geerdes - Substitute, 1,200.00; Kayla Gerken - Substitute, 375.00; Wes Gravning - Bus Driving, 177.48; Lexia Groen - Substitute, 375.00; Samantha Hanson - Substitute, 150.00; Keegan Hecht - Substitute, 60.00; David Heck - Substitute, 300.00; Chuck Henson - Tape BOE Meetings, 40.00; Deborah Hepper - Substitute, 112.00; Sarah Hills - Bus Driving, 59.16; Rick Hilton - Substitute, GBB/BBB/WR Worker, 615.00; Annika Hindbjorg - Substitute, 40.00; Ryan Hofer - Substitute, 150.00; Jessica Hunsaid - BVIS Tutoring, BB Shot Clock, 190.00; Kristi Jacobson - Bus Aide, 946.56; Jamie Johnson - Theater Usher, 40.00; Yolanda Johnston - Substitute, 1,200.00; Mikayla Kappenman - Substitute, 300.00; Kim Kelly - Substitute, 1,725.00; Wilma Kirkeby - BBB Clock, 80.00; Gary Klatt - Substitute, 300.00; Jennifer Klawitter - Substitute Nurse, 450.00; Mariah Koch - Substitute, 20.00; Joe Krivarchka - GBB/BBB Official, 165.00; Megan Krivarchka - Nurse Substitute, 300.00; Grace Lamberty - Substitute, 476.00; Paula Lammert - Substitute, 975.00; Amanda Larson - Long-term Substitute Nurse, 2700.00; Amber Larson - Substitute, 300.00; Ron Larson - Bus Driving, 844.88; Missy Livingston - GBB/BBB Tickets, 115.00; Leah Lockner - Substitute, 20.00; Wanda Logan - Substitute, 1,725.00; Paul Loney - Substitute, 150.00; Deb Marso - Bus Driving, 692.20; Randy Marso - Substitute, 425.00; Ashley Matzke - Substitute, 1,050.00; Aaron Mayer - Bus Driving, 2,366.68; Kaleb McConnell - Theater Usher, 40.00; Kara McDougall - BVIS Tutoring, 75.00; Kathy Metzger - Substitute, 300.00; Jerald Meyer - Bus Driving, 650.76; Susan Meyer - Substitute, 112.00; Leah Moody - BVMS Tutoring, 50.00; Mitzi Moore - GBB/BBB Supervision, 100.00; Tatum Mork - Substitute, 225.00; Matt Mueller - MS BBB Clock, 55.00; Dan Murtha - Substitute, 20.00; Kelly Neeman - Substitute, 20.00; Lynn Nielsen - Bus Driving, 438.85; Melissa Olson - Substitute, 300.00; Steve Ondrush - Substitute, 450.00; Tamara Panning - Substitute, 450.00; Jessica Paquette - Substitute, 900.00; DeAnn Park - Substitute, 580.00; Gary Parker - Bus Driver Training, 32.00; Lisa Parker - Substitute, 450.00; Jordan Paula - GBB/BBB Supervision, 100.00; Brent Paulsen - Bus Driver, 354.96; Eric Paulsen - Bus Driving, 1,844.76; Laura Pechong - Substitute, 1,425.00; Annette Peterson - Substitute, 570.00; Don Pottebaum - Bus Driving, 350.20; Kraig Presler - Region Wrestling Manager, 300.00; Justin Preuschl - Substitute, 2,017.00; Mike Putnam - GBB Clock, GBB/BBB Supervision, 95.00; Karla Rainford - Bus Driving, 59.16; Marshall Rogers - BBB Official, 60.00; Chad Schaeffer - Detention, Substitute, 235.00; Mark Schlekeyway - Region WR Supervision, 50.00; Sheri Schlotman - Bus Driving, 59.16; Jennifer Schunke - Substitute, 344.00; Ann Sittig - Substitute, 675.00; Gwen Smith - Bus Driving, 193.69; Mark Stadem - GBB/BBB Shot Clock, 260.00; Kirk Strand - Bus Driving, WR

Assistant, 243.32; Abbie Strasser - GBB Tickets, 45.00; Kari Stoltenberg - Substitute, 150.00; Logan Susie - Custodial Substitute, 224.00; Melissa Symington - BBB/BBB Tickets, 90.00; Kyla Taschner - Substitute, 336.00; Diann Terpstra - WR Announcer, 125.00; Eric Tidemann - Substitute, 300.00; Tressa Tingle - Substitute, 3,200.00; Kristi Tomic - Substitute, 600.00; Claire Toth - Substitute, 1,425.00; Kelli Vellema - Nurse, EA Substitute, 749.00; Layne Waltner - BVIS Tutoring, 225.00; Ki-ersten Webber - Substitute, 1,200.00; Jolene Weber - Substitute, 300.00; Monica West - Bus Aide, 709.92; Michelle Wiegand - Substitute, 495.00; Stephen Williams - Custodial Substitute, 656.00; Karlie Winkler - GBB Tickets, 45.00; Dodi Young - Substitute, 224.00; Phil Yougdale - Bus Driving, 30.64; TALTAL, \$62,903.65

Food Service Invoice:
 PAYEE, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT;
 CARLSON & STEWART REFRIGERATION, REPAIRS, 503.68; CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING, FOOD PURCHASES, 18,921.28; CHESTERMAN CO, FOOD PURCHASES, 225.00; CULINEX, SUPPLIES, 95.61; DACOTAH PAPER, SUPPLIES, 6,451.28; ESJD - SIOUX FALLS, FOOD PURCHASES, 14,218.87; FRIEMUTH, ANN-DREA, LUNCH ACCT REFUND, 37.65; GLOBAL DISTRIBUTING INC, FOOD PURCHASES, 2,017.25; HILL-YARD/SIOUX FALLS, SUPPLIES, 1,967.84; IS RESTAURANT EQUIP SVCS, REPAIRS, 603.27; MONARCH SALES, STAFF SHIRTS, 777.00; OLESON, JANET, LUNCH ACCT REFUND, 10.65; PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO, FOOD PURCHASES, 2,428.60; PEPSI-COLA, FOOD PURCHASES, 727.45; PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE, FOOD PURCHASES, 114,711.97; POMEGRANATE MARKET, FOOD PURCHASES, 286.58; SMARTSENSE BY DIGI, SUPPLIES, 328.60; 164,312.58

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RED ROCK TOWNSHIP

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Red Rock Township is accepting bids for the 2023 Fiscal year:

Gravel:
 - State Spec Crushed to 3/4" and 1" surface gravel and delivery to said township site per ton.

- Gravel must meet state spec for surfacing gravel as outlined in section 882 of SDDOT standard specifications for roads and bridges.

- All bids must include proof of insurance and sample test results.

Mowing:
 - Bids for mowing township shoulders.

Bids will be received by the Red Rock Township Clerk until 5pm on April 1, 2023

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Please send bids to: Dan Hup Township Clerk, 26196 485th ave, Valley Springs, SD 57068. C: (605) 377-8058

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CITY OF VALLEY SPRINGS

NOTICE

The City of Valley Springs has applied for a permit to operate a yard waste compost facility with the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. This permit is for the construction and operation of a yard waste facility which is located lying within corporate limits NE ¼ 4 101 47 Lot 12 Valley Springs City Unplatted, Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Commissioners of the City of Valley Springs met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 at 6:00pm in the VS American Legion. Mayor Carl

Moss called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Answering roll call were Commissioners Rick Larsen, Dean Helgeson, Sandy Severtson & Jeff Shawd. Also present was Finance Officer Samantha Boyer, Public Works Operator Blaine Eilts and City Attorney Patrick Glover.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 Motion by Helgeson to approve the March 14th, 2023 Proposed Agenda. Larsen seconded the motion. All voting yes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 14TH, 2023 MINUTES
 Motion by Severtson to approve the February 14th, 2023 minutes as presented. Shawd seconded the motion. All voting yes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY CLAIMS
 Motion by Larsen to approve the February 2023 claims as presented in the amount of \$38,630.95. Shawd seconded the motion. All voting yes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CASH REPORT
 Motion by Shawd to approve the February cash report. Helgeson seconded the motion. All voting yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT
 Scott Wentler was present to let Commissioners know he will be relocating MaddTatter Tattoo Shop to On The Rocks.

Becky Z. wanted to talk to Commissioners about her frustration with Staeline Rd. They heard her concerns and would look into what we can do.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT
 The City Engineer, Gabe was present at the meeting to give an update on the Well House Project happening in 2023. Motion by Larsen to award the bid for the Well House Project to First Rate Excavate. Shawd seconded the motion. All voting yes. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS
 No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS
 Sharon with Siouxland Libraries was present to speak about the Valley Springs Library. She brought a few examples on what the library would like to do in Valley Springs. They are thinking about ordering colored clings for the west side windows to draw more attention to the library. The Commissioners gave her the go ahead to order them and put them up.

Rob with On The Rocks presented the Commissioners with a list of all events happening at On The Rocks this year. He was told what permits he would need for his events.

Motion by Shawd to approve amending Resolution 2022-13. Severtson seconded the motion. All voting yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
 City Maintenance Supervisor Blaine gave his monthly maintenance report. Blaine gave an update on Staeline Road. He also asked Patrick Glover, our attorney to put together a contract. Blaine wanted feedback from the Commissioners about Slurry Seal on the roads. He also gave an update on street projects for 2023.

to adjourn. Shawd seconded the motion. All voting yes. Motion Carried. The next Regular Meeting of the Valley Springs City Commission will be April 11th, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Valley Springs American Legion, 615 Broadway Avenue.

Samantha Boyer, Finance Officer; Carl Moss, Mayor
 February 2023; Payables
 A & B Business Solutions, \$118.33, 01/21-02/20 Services; Alliance Communication, \$235.00, February Phone/Internet; Allen's Welding, \$60.00, Straighten Snowplow Shoe; Boyer Trucks, \$109.31, Plow Truck Supplies; Brandon Ace Hardware, \$73.96, Maintenance Supplies; BV Journal, \$309.94, Public Notices; BV School District, \$81.38, February Fuel; Carl Moss, \$285.12, 16.50 Hours- Snow Removal; Core & Main, \$96.03, Maintenance Supplies; Delta Dental, \$95.00, February Dental; EFTPS, \$18.36, Julie's Payroll Taxes; EFTPS, \$1,207.05, 02/10/23 Payroll Taxes; EFTPS, \$1,067.86, 02/24/23 Payroll Taxes; Equipment Blades, \$748.78, Plow Blades; First National Bank Credit Cards, \$397.51, Maint. Supp. & Stamps for Water Bills; Hawkins, \$1,674.32, Water Supplies; HDR Engineering, \$15,000.00, Well House Project; HPSD, \$1,774.16, March Health Insurance; Marv's, \$35.00, February Trash Bill; Menards, \$196.03, Maintenance Supplies; MidAmerican Energy, \$677.20, February Gas Charges; Sandy Severtson, \$267.75, February Consulting; SD Dept of Ag. & Nat. Resources, \$100.00, Water Main Application Fee; SD Retirement, \$1,127.26, February Retirement; Sioux Falls Humane Society, \$64.00, February Services; Sioux Valley Energy, \$3,480.85, February Electricity; Staples, \$246.86, City Hall Supplies; U Drive Technology, \$66.08, Monthly Text Services; Valley Springs Coop, \$468.15, February Fuel; Verizon, \$82.08, Maintenance Phone; \$30,163.37

February 2023 Payroll
 Samantha Boyer, \$1,986.89, 2/10/23 Payroll; Blaine Eilts, \$1,845.98, 2/10/23 Payroll; Sandy Namanny, \$596.39, 2/10/23 Payroll; Samantha Boyer, \$1,962.96, 2/24/23 Payroll; Blaine Eilts, \$1,685.25, 2/24/23 Payroll; Sandy Namanny, \$390.11, 2/24/23 Payroll; \$8,467.58

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13
 WHEREAS, the City has passed on March 14th, 2023 Resolution 2023-4 Amending Resolution No. 2022-13 which was passed December 30, 2022 authorizing a loan with the South Dakota Conservancy District;
 BE IT RESOLVED as follows:
 The Resolution No. 2022-13 adopted December 30, 2022 shall be amended as follows: All references to the dollar amount of \$3,539,728 shall be amended to \$521,168.

All other provisions of the resolution shall remain in force and effect as passed.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner, and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof:
 and the following voted against the same:
 whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Finance Officer.

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Finance Officer of City of Valley Springs, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of all the minutes of a meeting of the Commission of said City, duly called and held on the date therein indicated, so far as the same relate to the issuance of Drinking Water Project Borrower Bond, Series 2023, of said City.

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CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Petition regarding Afton Smith a Change of Name to Afton DeJager. CIV: 23-451 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Afton Smith the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Afton Smith to Afton DeJager. On the 11th day of April 2023 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Damgaard Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any 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 23rd day of February, 2023 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Carthy Arant
 Clerk of Court
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CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Petition regarding Mary Kay Hovey a Change of Name to Mary Kay Leary. CIV: 23-502 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Mary Kay Hovey the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Mary Kay Hovey to Mary Kay Leary. On the 11th day of April 2023 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Damgaard Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any 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 27th day of February, 2023 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Petition regarding Sharon Kaye Rons a Change of Name to Sharon Kaye Tryon. CIV: 23-646 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Sharon Kaye Rons the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Sharon Kaye Rons to Sharon Kaye Tryon. On the 2nd day of May 2023 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Powers Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any 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 9th day of March, 2023 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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showing the kids what their opportunities are, letting students know that once they are 16, they can start job shadowing. We really promote job shadowing for the students, because how else do they know what they want to do unless they can see it action," she said.

At age 16, teens can also work or volunteer at Avera.

"Exposure to health care is great. There are lots of opportunities in healthcare. Sometimes people think it's just doctors and nurses, but there are so many other things. Just like a lot of other industries, there are a lot of critical needs to take care of our patients that we serve, so getting that exposure out to the students is advantageous. And anytime they get to see it in action, there's no better way to know if it's something they're going to like or not like. I always say it's a win, even if you don't like it, it's a win, because it might lead you in an even better path for you."

Olson heard from several high school students how they didn't know about many of the companies, like Henkel, looking to hire that are located in Brandon.

"Some gals I was just talking to, they were talking about this EAPC and just found out there is internship opportunities, and they're

both going to do internships next year. Others have found out about job shadowing experiences, kind of those career exploration that we're really trying to expose our students to see what's out there and better prepare them for what happens after high school," he said.

Having more than 40 colleges and universities at the event also helps students narrow down their choices without having to make an in-person visit.

"Some of these schools that are here are farther away, so it gives students at least a touch point, and other ones it might spark interest that this is a college that I would like to go visit," he said.

At BVHS, students are allotted three college visit days where they are exempt from school.

"Obviously, you can't go to all of them, so this is one way to get a taste of a lot of different ones," Olson said.

Olson was excited to see a bevy of parents with their children take in the Fair together.

"I think it's awesome when parents come along, just to be able to ask some questions, and even helping parents understand what opportunities are available to their students. We maybe have stigmas about certain types of schools,

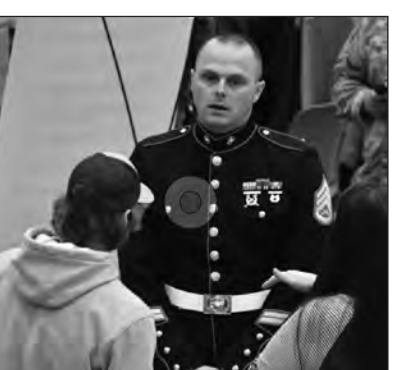
like tech schools and what those are like. When we grew up, it was a little bit different, and now how great it is where you get a great education and it's very affordable, and in some cases with Build Dakota Scholarship, you get it completely paid for, tools are paid for, and students are finding out those opportunities, and parents are as well. And the traditional schools, too, how great they are and all the variety of programs they have to offer. The same thing with businesses in terms of whether it be summer employment or these job shadows or internships, or if it's future employment, things to be thinking of down the road."

With about an hour to go, Olson said participation was up over last year event by both students, parents and vendors. He credits that to talking with the students during their TEAM time and during lunch to make them aware and encourage them to come and explore.

"We appreciate all the businesses and universities for their support in terms of what they're doing and how they want to be part of things. We love it and we would love to continue more engagement with us with the community and businesses and how we do make a difference in Brandon Valley," he said.



Sarah Siemonsma (above), a career development consultant with Avera, talks to BVHS students about internship and career opportunities. Students also talked to college and military reps at the Fair. Jill Meier/BV Journal





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Members of Brandon Valley's 1986 Class AA Boys Track & Field Championship team are, from left, row one, are: K. Zoellner, RJ Brunkow, Kirk Swenson, C. Pickering, Tom Pickering, P. Wildes, R. Zaft, Kyle Nelson, J. Issendorff; row two: D. Schleicher Jeff Wandersheid, T. Green, Chris Limmer, S. Hay, Kevin Nelson, Mark Moeller, Scott Schaffer, Matt Swenson, Tate Metcalf, Mark Mattox, Jason Weller, Brian Voss, Brian Tait, Kent Wilsey, Dave Smith, R. Wanderscheid, Brent Worden, T. Westrosky, R. Henry and Scott Bullis.

'That's the best team I've ever seen'

'86 Lynx boys track & field team repeats the feat

Jill Meier
Journal editor

1986 Brandon Valley Lynx Boys Track & Field

Coaching Staff: Head Coach - Lyle Clausen; Assistant Coaches - Dick Deneui, Paul Johnson, Mike Klinedinst, Peggy Layh; Athletic Trainer - Jan Bork
Athletes: Ray Henry, Todd Knott, Mark Mattox, Jeff Melsha, Tate Metcalf, Mark Moeller, Kevin Nelson, Tom Pickering, Scott Schaffer, Dave Smith, Matt Swenson, Kirk Swenson, Brian Tait, Brian Voss, Jeff Wandersheid, Jason Weller, Kent Wilsey, Brent Worden
Managers: Jo Alsgaard, Becky Kindt
Season Summary: Team won the Big 8 Conference Championship, won the Region II AA, before going on to repeat as State Track and Field Champions.

points to the team tally by placing in the 800-meter run that season.

The Lynx were also beasts in the field events. Matt Swenson capped off his prep career with his third straight state discus title. That season, he also won the event at the prestigious Howard Wood Relays. Those showings earned him an invitation to the Golden West Invitational and Keebler International Track Meets, based on his seventh-best throw in the nation that he recorded in his senior campaign.

Fellow teammate Mark Moeller picked up points in the discus throw, taking second behind Swenson.

"We had strong field events. You just had to have that when you went against those Sioux Falls and Rapid City schools," Clausen said. "We just knew where they could be and what they could do, and of course, they transitioned into it. They were just so easy to work with. They wanted to win and they had the will to win, and that's a big factor: the will to win is huge."

Brian Tait, a four-year letter winner who captured the 400-meter title, has been a longtime fixture in the school record books, running a leg of the 4x400 relay that set a time of 3:24.75.

In addition, Tait was a member of the 4x200 relay that took first place, the 4x100 foursome that finished second, the 1600-meter medley relay's third-place foursome, as well as nabbing fourth place individually in the 100-meter dash.

Tate Metcalf was a beast in the 300 hurdles, but he also had a role in Brandon Valley's success in the 4x800 relay, and the open 800.

"He got second in the open 800," Clausen said. "We did some switching around and we ran him in the open 800."

Joining Metcalf in the 4x800 were

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If you ask Lyle Clausen what was special about the 1986 Lynx boys track & field team, he'll tell you it was the experience and leadership of the senior-laden squad.

This particular group was also members of the 1985 Brandon Valley Lynx team that won the AA state title.

"When we won it in '85, that came as a little bit of a surprise," reflects then-head coach Lyle Clausen, now 75. "As coaches, we knew we had a pretty good team, but you really don't know until you get to the state track meet and you start matching up. All it takes is a couple of things to go wrong - somebody gets hurt, drops a baton, any of those things can change the complexion of a meet in a hurry. The '85 team, as I said, was a little bit of a surprise but in '86 we had that experienced team. Fortunately, we didn't have any disasters on the track or in the field. We scored where we could and we scored pretty much what we could score."

This particular Brandon Valley boys track and field team was the second - and the last to date in school history - to win the Class AA State title. And they did it with just an 18 state qualifiers. Yes, 18. The Lynx amassed 127 points en route to winning the program's second straight Class AA track & field championship that year. In fact, the team's strong showing prompted one coach to tell Clausen, "That's the best team I've ever seen."

To BV's fortune, the talent on the 1986 Lynx roster extended far beyond the small-in-number team, and it started with a talented and dedicated group of seniors who had one goal in mind: to win back to

back state titles. "They were really good athletes. They worked extremely hard," Clausen said. "Our coaching staff all believed in 'you have to work', and everybody did their job. Our practices all started with a team warm-up. Everybody warmed up together, whether they were throwers or jumpers or hurdlers. Everybody always warmed up together as a team, and they did a lot of things as a team. Once everybody broke and went to their separate ways, the coaches, for example, when they were done with their area,

because some events would get done sooner than others, they wouldn't leave if their athletes were done. Many times, they would go in and go up on the balcony or they would stay out at the track, depending on the weather and they would do some extra strength work and extra flexibility work; they would just take charge of that. Or if their athletes were done and their athletes had left, they would usually come around to whatever events that were still going on, and that was great encouragement for the kids that they had a complete buy in from the coaching staff, and that was really important."

Among BV's notable performances at

the state meet came from the likes of guys such as Kevin Nelson, who secured some significant points by snaring four big wins.



Jill Meier/BV Journal

In his senior track and field season, Kevin Nelson was a big point-maker for the Lynx. He won four state titles in individual events and relays combined.

He anchored Brandon Valley's winning medley relay and ran the first leg of the state champion 3200-meter relay.

Individually, he was the first to step across the finish line in both the 1600- and 3200-meter runs.

Scott Schaffer joined Nelson by running legs in both the state-champion medley and 3200-meter relays, and contributed

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| 1888 | Gordon Ode | 2003 | Dick Sorum | 2016 | Amy Johnson |
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| 1992 | Ron Archer | 2011 | Michelle (Hewitt) Koeshiharn | 2017 | Kevin Nelson |
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| 1993 | Scott Peterson | 2012 | Danielle (Nolte) Lemon | 2018 | Heath Bills |
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| 1995 | Lori (Beaird) Dather | 2012 | Darrell Vander Esch | 2019 | 1988 Football Championship Team |
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| 1999 | Wayne Allen | 2015 | Mark Moeller | 2022 | 2010 4x800 Boys Relay Team |
| 1999 | Rich Larson | 2015 | Scott Schaffer | 2022 | 1974 Undefeated Football Team |
| 1999 | Ivan Else | | | | |

'86 BVHS CLASS AA STATE CHAMPION TRACK & FIELD TEAM cont. from page 1B

Nelson, Jason Weller and Schaffer. Claussen cites them as a diverse group of runners.

"Those guys, they could move from the 400 all the way to the 3200," he said.

Jason Weller, Tom Pickering and Mark Mattox also made significant contributions in their plight to bring home the 1986 state champion hardware.

"We had great backups," Claussen said, giving a nod to underclassmen like Weller and Pickering.

"They all added to the depth of the team."

Claussen said the mentality of his coaching staff had the ability to get the best out of BV's track and field talent.

"Even though we were a small school – we were the smallest AA school by far – the mentality of the entire coaching staff was 'We aren't going to back down.' We were really competitive in football. We were really competitive in wrestling. We were really competitive in basketball. That stage was set by some prior coaches that were there. Glenn Sellevoid was our throws coach for years and the head football coach, and that mentality transitioned over as coaches came on board.

It was easy to say, 'We don't have as many kids in school,' and 'Boy, we have to try to compete against the Sioux Falls schools and the Rapid City schools, the ESD schools.' But we didn't have that mentality. Our mentality was 'We are going to compete' and 'We are going to compete to the best of our ability and we're not going to back down,'" he said. "I think that tradition continues to carry on at Brandon Valley, and obviously they have it



Putting in many hours to help the boys team are Coaches Peggy Layh, Mike Klinedinst, Head Coach Lyle Claussen, Paul Johnson, Dick DeNeu, Jan Bork.

now, of course, it's a much larger school."

In documenting BV's 1986 state championship track & field team, a news-

paper report deemed the Lynx as "South Dakota's finest track and field team."

Earlier in the season, the Lynx boys captured firsts at

four other meets. Notably, they won three relay races at Howard Wood and all of the relays at the Corn Palace Relays in Mitchell,

as well as winning the Big 8 Conference.

"They were a great group of kids," Claussen sums up. "They were three-sport-

ers. Most of our kids were three-sport athletes, and that really makes a difference."



Photos reprinted from 1986 BVHS Lynxian Mark Mattox (at left) builds up his strength in the weight room. An O'Gorman runner is on the heels of BV's Jason Weller (above). Brian Tait takes the handoff from Jeff Melsha to start the third leg of the medley relay at the Corn Palace Relays in Mitchell in the 1986 season.




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‘Voice of the Lynx’ and a whole lot more ...

Logan’s investment in BV athletics spans over three decades

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Bob Logan has been told time and time again that he has a voice for radio. Brandon Valley Lynx fans, however, know better. Logan is the ‘Voice of the Lynx,’ a job that he latched onto more than 25 years ago and is still going.

It’s for this service – and a whole lot more – to BV athletics that has garnered Logan induction into the Brandon Valley Athletic Hall of Fame this year.

“I’m very honored that I’m being inducted. It’s nothing that I ever started out to be inducted into the Hall of Fame when we moved here in 1993, but it’s a great honor for me and my family,” says Logan, who, with his wife, Wanda, raised their three children – Paul, Molly and Mariah – here.

Logan first became involved with the BV Athletic Booster Club in 2001 as a boys’ basketball booster representative, a commitment he made through 2011 when he stepped up to the role of president of the Booster Club.

That year, the Booster Club funded – through capitol funds – the purchase of new banners, record boards, and a new Hall of Fame recognition wall. Also, during his tenure as Booster Club president, then-Activities Director Randy Marso asked Logan to chair the Athletic Hall of Fame committee, a job he’s had for 13 years. Under his guide, the Hall of Fame Banquet has become a very successful event in recognizing and inducting individuals and teams into the Brandon Valley Hall of Fame.

In 2015, because of his dedicated years of volunteering, Logan was honored as the “Brandon Valley Booster Club Volunteer of the Year” at that year’s annual kickoff to the football season, the Pigskin Classic.

As the “Voice of the Lynx,” Logan has been the public address announcer for over 25 years, keeping fans informed at track and field meets, football and basketball games. In continuing his involvement, he has also been the clock operator for basketball and volleyball.

Although his children have long graduated from BVHS, Logan said it’s love for sports that has kept him involved in these endeavors.

“I’m hard-wired for sports, I guess,” he said. “I think it comes back down to Jan. 27, 2002, when people came to help us out for Paul’s benefit. That is hard to forget, so that drives Wanda and I to do as much volunteering in Brandon and Valley Springs as we can. That really is the driving force.”

Logan grew up in the tiny town of Agar, where he played basketball and was hurdler and jumper for the Hi-Pointers.

“When we were in the state (basketball) tournament in 1976, the *Argus Leader* had ‘Tiny Agar to the state meet.’ We didn’t have football there, so we were pretty much dribbling all the time and (competing in) track & field,” he



Jill Meier/Brandon Valley Journal

For his three decades of service to Brandon Valley athletics, Bob “Voice of the Lynx” is being inducted into the BV Athletic Hall of Fame. He is pictured in the Hall of Fame hallway just outside of the BVHS Activities Center.

reflects.

His senior season – 1977 – the Hi-Pointers won the state track and field title.

Logan played his high school hoops under the guise of Wayne Carney. His prowess on the court landed him an athletic scholarship to play for the Yankton College Greyhounds, which he did through 1981.

“I had earned a little bit of a scholarship to go there,” he said.

But he gained more than a degree. It was there – standing in line in the Financial Aid Office – that he met his future partner in life, Wanda.

“When I went to the Financial Aid Office, I had to pay more than I thought I had to pay, so I was short. My mom told me to go to Financial Aid and see if they could give me more money,” he said. “The financial guy didn’t like jocks, so it was a short conversation. He told me to go to Job Service.”

Although he left the office without the needed funds, he scored a date with his future bride and in 1982, they tied the knot.

Despite growing up a Hi-Pointer and next converted to a Greyhound, Logan is a Brandon Valley Lynx fan to core.

“I don’t know what it is,” he says. “My high school is closed down. My college is closed down, so it’s the only thing I have left.”

With plans to retire from his work this year, playing an active role on the sidelines, he said, keeps him young at heart.

“My dad is still working at 91. He works at Wesleyan and he sees young college people all of the time. I think that’s a key of his success is that he’s working

and sees younger people. In my mind, if I’m always looking at younger people, I seem to be younger. I’ll be 64 next month. I think it’s the mindset, and I love the smell of popcorn in the gym,” he said.

Logan plans to continue his public address announcing role, but says he’ll be sharing the mic occasionally, as he and Wanda plan to do some traveling.

“I think it’s important that I get other folks doing what I’ve done so they can do the job of keeping the clock or announcing, but you’re going to still see me at

A highlight of being on the sidelines of BV’s track & field dates back to the 2010 4x800-meter boys’ relay team (Billy and Bobby Brockmueller, Ben Schultz and Blaze Kilian) broke the all-time state record.

“That, to me, when I think about it, gives me goose bumps, and it happened here at Brandon Valley,” he said.

Logan says he couldn’t do what he does without the professional help of the district activities director. Logan worked closely with the now-retired Randy Marso and current activities director Bill Freking.

“They make me look good, because both are so organized,” he said. “They have the scripts for me ... they’re very key and very organized people. Everybody says, ‘Hey, you do a great job.’ But that’s part of it, it’s a team. That whole administration at the high school is excellent.”

Although he admits to not being able to “sing a lick,” Logan said he’s

often asked if he is an announcer. “A lot of it is practice,” he says. “My poor kids and wife, we go somewhere and I read signs and practice and they just go ...”

His favorite two lines to practice are from a road sign, “Agar, 9 miles” and “Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Brandon Valley High School and the communities of Brandon and Valley Springs.”

He’s rarely had a hiccup in his announcing career. But he’s quick to remember a football game where the mic was still live.

“We threw a pass and it looked like it was going to be intercepted, and I went, ‘Oh, oh.’ The opposing team player dropped the easy interception, and I got a lot of looks back and giggles from

the crowd,” he remembers.

Technology has enhanced his announcing world. He says the mics and headsets today are better than ever. And of course, the monstrous scoreboard/video boards have made his job a little bit easier.

“With track and field, we have the big board and the times are on there,” he said. “It probably gives me more of a break when I can tell people to look at the results on the board. The board at the football stadium makes the whole experience better for fans.”

“As for the music, that’s gotten easier, because for my age, I’m very techy,” he says, of his time-out tunes.

Although he rarely watches BV football, volleyball, basketball or wrestling on Lynx TV, Logan will fire out a group email to the Hall of Famers from time to time, “Hey, this is going to be on Lynx TV.”

The heads-up notifications seem to work.

“Dave Behan in Missouri, he’ll get on there and watch a football game,” he shares.

Logan is clearly humbled to have his induction plaque be added to BV’s Hall of Fame hallway.

“When you go through there and see people like Jack Lauer and Gordon Ode, I just don’t know if I’m worthy to be on the same wall as some of those folks and the student-athletes. It kind of gives me goose bumps, I guess, to be in the same Hall as student-athletes, teams, contributors, it’s an honor to be there. I hope that by maybe somebody looking at what I’ve done, that some of our former students would get involved in some of these things, like working track meets, because we always need help putting on events. I hope it will resonate with some people that even if they’re not a graduate of Brandon Valley High School – I’m an Agar guy, a Yankton College guy and I never scored a point for BVHS, never wore a jersey – that they still can be part of the athletics and make a difference,” he said.

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- Bob Logan

“Voice of the Lynx” public address announcer

many events,” he assures.

A self-proclaimed “basketball guy,” Logan says football at Brandon Valley, notably the Pigskin Classic, can’t be topped.

“It’s a spectacular night for Brandon Valley football,” he says.

Track & field is also near and dear to the former Agar hurdler and jumper.

“I always make sure in track that it’s called track and field and that at Brandon Valley that people know where the long jump is, where the discus is. I always explain where that is, how they get there,” he said.

The public address announcer, he adds, is a key role in keeping meets on schedule.



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'It's an honor to be put in with some of the names on the wall ...'

VandeBerg was a 'leaping' legend for the BV Lynx

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Matt VandeBerg was in the third grade when he didn't talk to his mother for at least a week. As it turns out, she had missed registering her son for football in the third grade.

Fortunately, for Brandon Valley fans, she didn't miss the sign up the following year, as VandeBerg went on to become a Lynx legend in both football and track and field.

"It's an honor to be put in with some of the names on the wall that I used to walk by. It was right next to the gym and on your way to the locker rooms and you see these names. The fact that Jack VanLeur is in my Hall of Fame class – and I heard that name I don't know how many times when I was in school – it's a privilege to be part of that group, but I think it's also a testament to the great coaches and the great people that I had around me. Without them and without God putting those people in my life, I wouldn't have been near as successful," he said.

Although he tipped the scale at a whopping 155 pounds his senior season, the "skinny little" receiver caught the attention of the Iowa Hawkeyes.

"I was 'allergic' to the weight room," he jokes. When he joined Iowa, he weighed 162 pounds, and when he left Iowa, he reached 195 pounds. "It was hard to keep the weight on until somebody told me these are the things to eat, the shakes to drink ..."

VandeBerg gives big kudos to BV's jump coach, Kory Scholten. He said the coach's "blunt words", which he tuned into, were the words of inspiration he needed to hear.

"He would say, 'You need to jump better.' He'd help coach along the way and was very, 'If you want to do it, then go do it,'" VandeBerg said.

The uncanny spring in his step potentially comes from both of his parents. His mom was a hurdler and his dad was a pole vaulter.

"Outside of that, I always had a ton of energy and my mom always wanted me to be outside," he recalls.

Down the block from their home was a park where he spent hours playing hoops. The basketball court, however, was never his calling.

"And (Coach Brent) Deckert hated me for that," he said.

As it turned out, a broken wrist at the start of his sophomore year and subsequent surgeries in the winter season, kept him for playing.

A multi-sport athlete, the 2013 Brandon Valley High School grad left his paw print in both the school football and track and field record books. But he doesn't take all of the credit.

"I'll give Chase (Marso) a little bit of credit for some of that stuff, but to be fair the

stats don't say how the good the throw was, just whether or not it was caught," he said.

"Again, it was great coaches, great teammates, great family. That's kind of where everything comes from initially. It's kind of weird for me to think that I've been running that same offense since the eighth grade and being able to play with the same kids for so long, I don't think a lot of schools get that, especially with open enrollment. But to be able to work with the same guys for so long really paid off for the entire team and obviously me as an individual."

Football was certainly VandeBerg's sport of choice. He says it's the team aspect of the game that drew him in.

"There's a lot of individual spots, and obviously I'm the one that's getting the notoriety on Saturday. What's cool is knowing that you're going to work with so many guys that are also shooting for the same thing. Like basketball, you get that, but it's eight or nine. Baseball, you get that, it's nine guys on the field, but again, you're looking at 15, 16 guys, depending upon the roster. But football, you're out there with 100 to 110 kids, and in college, it was 120. To know that all those people are working towards the same you goal, that just doesn't happen very often in the real world because everybody has their own agendas or things they want to do personally," he said.

"At Brandon (Valley), that really wasn't the case. My senior year, I don't think Jake Adams had played football for two or three years, but we got him to come out his junior year and he played a really good middle linebacker for us, because he just wanted to be a part of the team and be part of something really cool."

Although the Lynx lost to Sioux Falls Washington in the state finals his senior season, simply knowing that he was part of something bigger than himself, "is what drew me in."

"And the coaches and players reinforced that," he said. "There's nothing better than being in an environment where everybody's pushing together."

VandeBerg's athletic talents carried over to the track and field program, where he excelled in both the long and triple jumps and ran relays.

He ran the second leg of the 2013 record-setting 4x100 relay with Tony Tripp, Adam Bauer and Ryan Immecker.

He remembers a rainy day competing at the University of Sioux Falls field, and Coach Scholten was hyping up the wooden board that "springs a little bit more." It was at that meet that VandeBerg jumped 22-10, his best of the season.

"It was just kind of a cool thing. Not many people wanted to be there, but Scholten wanted to get the best out of me on that particular day, and that's something that's stuck with me," he said.



Submitted photos
Matt VandeBerg was a standout receiver for the Brandon Valley Lynx and the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Since that record-setting jump, former BV Lynx standout Alex Wilde has surpassed the mark.

"His legs are from Brandon to Iowa City," he jokes.

One of his standout moments on the football field came in the 2011 playoffs. They Lynx were playing at Howard Wood against a traditional powerhouse, Sioux Falls Roosevelt. With a berth to the state semifinals on the line and the Lynx riding a 37-35 lead late in the third quarter, VandeBerg remembers



out for the best for you and being able to pick you up in those low moments – because in high school, your emotions are all over the place – but knowing that I had the framework and people to help push me forward and pick me up

ent camps," he said.

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"The whole business was just Jeremy and myself, and we were painting interiors, exteriors, filling nail holes, doing all kinds of stuff. I really wasn't working out a ton because I was working at that, but I was going to start working out in the fall and take some classes online and then in the spring join the team and go from there," he reflects.

Five days before camp, Iowa released a receiver for some "off the field stuff," and VandeBerg was called up. He well remembers the whirlwind.

"It was a whirlwind of 'be here in five days,'" he said.

VandeBerg gained the opportunity as a true freshman to play the second week of the season.

Because it went so fast, I didn't have an opportunity to really think about it too much. When I came in, I was No. 14 out of 14 receivers that we had there and so there's no expectation. I'm just there and hopefully I redshirt and go up against NFL guys and being able to make enough plays in camp, that well, maybe I could get 20, 30 plays a game, and that's what it became my freshman year."

Although he had received a preferred walk-on from Wisconsin, he turned down the offer as it didn't involve the all-important scholarship.

"It all worked out. God has a plan on how everything worked out. Although I always wanted to go Wisconsin, Iowa was always kind of the family atmosphere, the more stable thing and that's what reeled me in, and thank goodness it did," he said.

It's where he was introduced to his wife, Laura. The two are parents to Dax, 2, and are expecting their second child, a girl, in late May.

From Iowa, VandeBerg was afforded the opportunity to tryout for the New York Jets and eventually the Chicago Bears. As it turned out, the broken wrist and subsequent surgeries he had in high school, followed by a Jones fracture in his foot and surgical repairs, didn't hamper his pro day performances. In fact, he put up some solid numbers but wasn't picked. A torn hamstring took him out of the running for a place on the Bears' roster. He also received a workout with the XFL, but that, too, didn't pan out.

"At that point, I'm like, 'OK God, I get that I'm being stubborn and it's time to move onto the next phase of life,'" he said. "It was very cool to experience those different things. I learned a lot from those different experiences. That was what I worked for my entire life was an opportunity like that."

Today, VandeBerg has a career as a Realtor and part-time high school receiver coach.

The Matt VandeBerg File

Football – Career Records

- Receptions – 136
- Receiving Touchdowns – 35
- Receiving Yards – 2,291
- Interceptions – 21

Football – Season Records

- Touchdowns – 18
- Interceptions – 9
- As a receiver, set records for catches & yards in a game
- Longest Interception Return for a Touchdown – 105 yards

Post-Season Accolades

- 2011 & 2012 – ESD All-Conference, All State, Elite 45 teams
- Three-year varsity letter winner
- 2012 Team Captain of State Runner-Up Team (11-1 record)

Track & Field

- Long jump – 2012 & 2013 – Set school records in triple jump
- 2011, 2012, 2013 – ESD Conference Champion in both long & triple jumps
- 2012 & 2013 – Class AA State Champion in both long & triple jumps
- 2012 & 2013 – Member of ESD Conference Champion 4x100 relay
- 2013 – Set school record in 4x100 relay
- Three-year varsity letter winner

Marso throwing him a quick out.

"I'm trying to fight for another yard, and Andy Smith, who ended up going to North Dakota State, stripped me and Roosevelt recovered. They did a speed option in boundary about five or six times, then kicked the winning field goal to go up 38-37. They kicked off and we couldn't do anything with it. Of course, I felt like the weight was on me. I'm the one that fumbled. I'm the one that cost us the game, that kind of thing. Knowing that everybody else didn't feel that way, they were like everybody on the field gave it their all, they didn't hold any resentment toward me, but instead were picking me up," he said. "Those kinds of lessons are a lot more than records. Knowing that the people around you are looking

after that, I think that's the main thing of being able to represent Brandon Valley is being able to represent the right people. I don't know if that's something that everybody can say coming from their high school."

VandeBerg had an inkling of his athletic talents early on.

"I would always be one of the first picked for kickball or something like that, but does fifth-grade kickball really translate? Who knows?" he asks.

It was his freshman year that BV coaches Justin Mashlan and Matt Mueller told him that if he worked hard, he may have an opportunity to play college football.

"That's when I started to go to football camps and things over the summer where my mom and stepdad would drive me to five or six differ-

ent camps," he said.

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VanLeur's contributions to BV athletics spreads over 3 seasons

Jill Meier
Journal editor

If it hadn't been for an older brother, a tennis ball and a home with a three-stall garage, Jack VanLeur may not have been the Brandon Valley Lynx athlete that he turned out to be.

Jack and his elder sibling, Joe, spent many an hour playing baseball.

"He'd have a tennis ball and be throwing it against the garage. He was fielding it and he would always pretend he was the infielder, the outfielder and the ball would be hit to him. I would come out there – a 5-, 6-year-old – 'Hey, let me play, let me play,' and he'd say, 'Well, you can go warm up in the bullpen,'" VanLeur reflects.

The "bullpen" as it turned out, was the single-stall garage.

"He made me pitch over there and pretend like I'm warming up to come into the game," he said. "I honestly think that's where it started. I threw a lot of balls – granted tennis balls – but just over and over."

Once Joe "aged out" of the two-stall garage "stadium," Jack and his tennis ball took up residency there.

"I remember playing that so much. I run into people here in town now and they'll say, 'I remember you just chucking a tennis ball against your garage all day.' It sounds so silly, but it was fun for me," he said.

The 35-year-old VanLeur is one of four individuals and a team to be inducted into the Brandon Valley Athletic Hall of Fame, and he's humbled by the honor.

"When I walk by the Hall of Fame Wall, it's a really cool deal," said the tri-sport BV Lynx athlete.

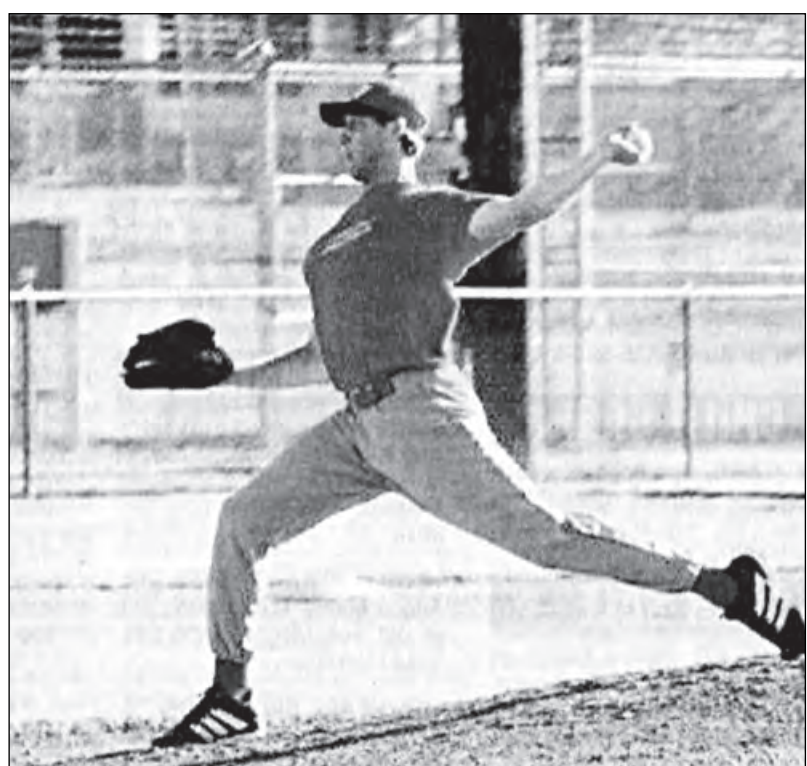
Baseball, however, was the favorite of the sports that he competed in for the Lynx, which extended to football and basketball.

"It was definitely always baseball. Growing up, it was the connection with my dad who always coached me and my brother was always playing, too. There was that family connection: I was bat boy at games, my dad was coaching, my mom was at every single baseball game, they drug my sister to every game, too. It really felt like a family affair. It was one of those things where not of a lot of people around here, it wasn't their favorite sport, but it was the one that just kind of talked to me. It kind of fit my personality a bit more. You can be intense, but it's a little more slow-moving, a little more thinking, constantly throwing throughout the game, and I really enjoyed that part of it," he said.

VanLeur certainly left his paw print on BV's football and basketball programs, too, where he was a four-year and three-year letter winner, respectively.

"I was on the (varsity football) team as a freshman, and I think I got one play I as a freshman. I remember that one greatly," he said.

His position on the grid iron was the all-important quarterback role. It was his sophomore season that he shared duties with Nathan



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Jack Van Leur was a four-year varsity pitcher and utility player for the Brandon Valley Lynx spring club team.

Scott for the first couple games that year before being promoted to starting QB the remainder of the season.

It was a position that he fell in love with at an early age.

"I enjoyed the play calling. Yes, you get the ball in your hands at every point in the play, but you're thinking, you're talking with the coach, you're talking with the players, you're kind of another coach on the field, and that's something that always attracted me," he said. "The same thing in basketball – you want to be the point guard. You want to be the guy with the ball in your hands because it feels like you have a little more control over things. At the same time, when you have



In his senior basketball season, Jack VanLeur is closely guarded by a Pierre Governor. Van Leur helped the Lynx qualify for the Class AA State Tournament his freshman and senior seasons.

with some of that responsibility, you've got to be able to take down the bad stuff, the negative. That's something I liked. I liked to have a little more pressure on myself, and if we win, I'm hoping that I'm part of the reason, and if we lose, I'm OK with taking the blame."

Baseball, he adds, is a little different, especially in yet another premier role: pitcher.

"It almost feels like it's a more of a one on one game. It's you and the catcher teaming up, I guess it's more of a two on one game. You two versus the hitter, you two trying to get in sync with one another. You're kind of standing out there and everybody's watching it, so it feels like it's a little bit of that, but at the same time you find out real quickly that if you're trying to do everything on the mound all on your own, you're not going to have a lot of success. You have to trust every-

my sophomore year that I still remember with 10 seconds to go in the game. Football definitely prepped me for other sports. You kind of learned that if you're not all in, you're not going to be very successful. It took me a little while to figure that all out, but I had some really good coaches," he said, recognizing. Chuck Plummer, Chad Garrow and Bob Young.

"Bob would take the quarterbacks and receivers out and that was just knowledge all over the place. I thought I was kind of a student of the game, going in and watching film all the time. You think you know some stuff and then all of a sudden you meet a guy like that, and your eyes are just wide open and you're like, 'I didn't know any of this existed.' How fun that was to be part of something like that."

The 2006 Brandon Valley High grad says it's not the fame and glory moments that he remembers the most. Instead, it's just the opposite.

As a freshman on the Lynx varsity hoops team, Van Leur had secured a "six, seven man" role on the team."

"It felt like there was very little pressure on you, but also a lot of pressure because you don't have to be the guy that goes out there and scores 10, 15, 20 points a game. You have to be the guy that doesn't screw up, though. If you're in this limited role and you only play a few minutes, they remember the bad things," he said.

The Lynx got to the Class AA state tournament his freshman and senior seasons. The first opportunity, he said, came by way of a late-season hot streak.

"We made a nice run at the state tournament and ended up getting second that year," Van Leur said. "That was a lot of fun just because it was something that taught you to win, that you're never going to be out of it just because your record's not good or somebody else doesn't think you're going to win a ballgame, but we shouldn't have been winning a lot of those games that year."

The Lynx were sporting a below .500 record entering the playoffs, and ended up 12-12 on the season.

"It was one of those unlikely runs, but everybody was playing well and we had a couple of big upsets; that was fun," he said of the team led by then-coach Brent Deckert.

In his senior season, Van Leur said he was blessed to play alongside some "super-good athletes, talented underclassmen, including the likes of Dale Moss, Derek DeZeeuw, Nate Mahone and Jack Ridgway.

"They were all really good, talented guys who had an amazing year the next year, too," he said.

While the overtime loss to Pierre in the state semifinals still stings, he said the multi-day snowstorm that kept the team in Rapid City for extra days, provided some of his best memories of high school sports.

The memorable trips, he said,

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The Jack Van Leur File

Football – Set school records in passing attempts & passing completions in his prep career

Post-Season Accolades

2005 – ESD All-Conference, All-State, Elite 45 Honorable Mention

Three-year varsity letter winner

Basketball

Post-Season Accolades – 2004, 2005, 2006 – ESD All-Conference, All-State, All-Tournament Team; 2006 – South Dakota All-Star Team Selection

Team success – 2003 – State Runner-Up; 2006 – Fourth Place

Four-year varsity letter winner

Baseball

2005 – State Runner-Up Team

Post-Season Accolades – 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 – All-Region Team; 2004, 2005, 2006 – All-State Team

Four-year varsity letter winner

more control and games don't go your way, you're probably the first one to get blamed. So,

body behind you, but the little cat and mouse game between pitcher, catcher and hitter was always fun," he reflects.

As for his football memories, Van Leur said his buddies can remember the details of every single game.

"The negative stuff seemed to stick out more for me. It's one of those things where you take it a lot harder, so I feel like my emotions run higher when I'm frustrated," he said.

He does remember the teams' runs in football, citing his junior year.

"We had one game later in the year and I remember my buddy, Aaron Carroll, was hurt on the sideline. I remember him being so frustrated with not being able to go out there. The thing that I remember is getting behind somebody like that and he's sitting on the sideline almost in tears about how he wants to be out there. It gets you to get more pumped up and try to get everybody else behind it. I don't remember who we ended up beating, it was one of the last games of the year. but little things like that are the ones that stick out to me," he said.

Although VanLeur had hoped for more success, he was excited to help the Lynx make it to the quarterfinals in his junior year. The following year, the team was knocked out in the first round of playoffs.

"We never really had a lot of what some people would say team success, so I've got to take the little moments," he said. "We had a winning touchdown pass



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Helm's dedication to Lynx athletics extends 5 decades

Jill Meier
Journal editor

From the sidelines of Lynx athletics, for decades, Brad Helm has been front and center with pencil in hand and stat book before him.

And as the 2023 Brandon Valley Athletic Hall of Fame inductee says, it's a job he'll continue to do "for as long they'll have me."

With a chair at the scorer's table, Helm, who closed out a 35-year teaching and coaching career in 2007 with the Brandon Valley School District, as the bookkeeper for the Lynx, said it's important to pay attention to the game being played.

"I'm a numbers guy," he says, rattling off the names of former BV basketball coaches Brent Deckert, Brad Thorson and Mark Stadem that he "did the books for."

Some of those same names have since slid into his chair at the scorer's table in recent years.

"I call it, 'Before Deckert and Before Thorson,'" he jokes.

After graduating from Northern State University, Helm, a native of Madison, came to Brandon Valley in 1972, where he taught middle school math and coached a variety of sports, including football, basketball, wrestling, tennis and track and field, most at the middle school level.

Ironically so, Helm never took a coaching course in college, as it wasn't required back then.

His role as the assistant

high school boys and girls' tennis coach turned to head coach – temporarily.

"When Coach (Steve) Grond left the scene, we didn't have a tennis coach at the time and they said, 'You're it until we find somebody,'" he recalls.



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Helm guided the team to nine wins and not a single loss before Craig Wilber stepped into the role.

"We were kind of the doormat of the ESD for a long time – both boys and girls. Then (Jesse) Gladis came and got the summer program going. When I helped with summer rec, you paid \$6 and you had six weeks of lessons and a tournament at the end. When Gladis came, it really got kicked off," he said.

His first year at BV, Helm was assigned to coach middle school basketball and football.

"I used to think that basketball was kind of my passion, but then I got more into wrestling," he said.

For years, Helm has been a staple at the scorer's table, documenting take-downs, escapes, near falls and the ultimate victory, pins.

As a Milbank Bulldog, Helm played three years of high school football and four years of basketball.

"As Denny Halseth used

to say, 'He's a legend in his own mind.'

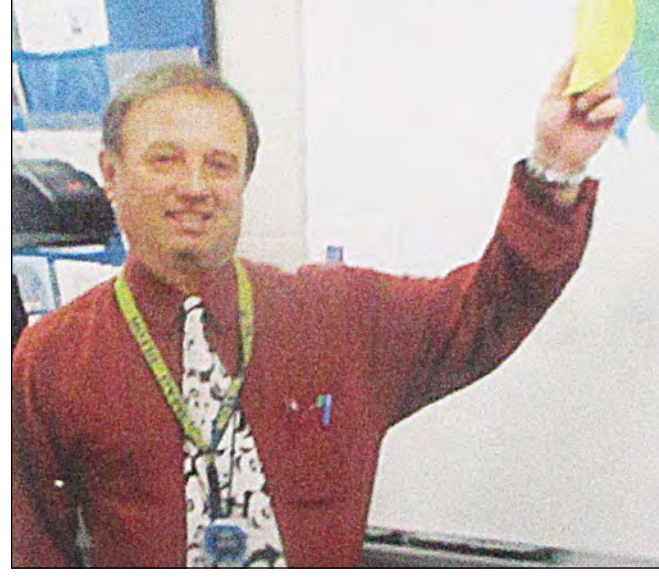
Despite serving as the Clerk of Start for all BV middle and high school and state track events, Helm never competed for the Bulldogs in track and field.

"I didn't run track, because that was field season and I had to go home and milk the cows," he said.

From his view on the sidelines, Helm has interacted with hundreds of high school athletes and heard many game plan schemes in timeout huddles. It's also important, he says, to keep his lip zipped when he may not agree with a call.

"You can cheer a little bit, but I try to keep a stiff upper lip," he tells.

There was an occasion that a referee questioned his look following a call. "This referee came over to the table and I'm looking over the top of my glasses and he thought I was giving him one of these (looks)," he tells. "He says, 'Don't give me that look.'



Submitted photo
Brad Helm taughtj at coached at Brandon Valley 35 years.



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Although Brad Helm retired from teaching and coaching 35 years at Brandon Valley, he remains active on the sidelines at the scorer's table by manning the stat books and pedals hundreds of miles on his bike each year.

He hasn't been back to ref since."

As it turned out, Helm wasn't reacting to the call,

but instead was in the process of pushing up his reading glasses.

"It kind of was 'one of those calls,' though," he adds.

His love for baking spilled over from sharing goodies with his colleagues at the middle school to sharing the savory treats at the scorer's table.

"When I was teaching, I got hooked on Amish Friendship Bread, so I would bring that, and then there was this allergy thing, so (Principal Dan) Pansch said I couldn't do that anymore. When I started doing the books, I would bring treats for some of the athletes and whatever, my co-workers, so it's kind of been a thing," he said.

Rocky Road candy – a chocolate, nuts and marshmallows concoction – is among his current favorites to make and share.

"I used to make, what a lot of people call, 'Scotcharoos.' Those were a favorite of the wrestling officials," he said.

Helm is honored to be inducted into BV's Athletic Hall of Fame, citing the recognition as "a great honor."

"I'm in very good company," he says, recognizing the likes of prior inductees, Glenn Sellevold, Mike Klinedinst, and the Brown brothers.

"I've made some great friendships over the years, and hopefully I'll continue to do that," he said.

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extended to his baseball and football prep careers.

He recalled a trip to Winner and Wagner and their overnight stay.

"In baseball, you rarely remember games. It's about the road trips and staying in terrible hotels with your buddies," he said.

He also remembers a memory-filled trip to Pierre, "where a bunch of us got in trouble."

"That's always a talking point when we get together. Dumb high school boys doing things we shouldn't have been doing," he said.

His junior season was the most successful season for the former Lynx. The team finished second at state, but that, too, produced memories to last a lifetime.

"We had to drive out to Sturgis the morning after the seniors had their graduation party. They were up all night and then slept on the way to Sturgis," he recalled.

The team overcame Brookings by a slim, one-run margin to advance to the championship, which they lost in a high-scoring affair, "16-14 or something like that," he said.

When Van Leur – a lefty – was on the mound for the Lynx, there was not a pitch limit rule.

"I think if there was a record for most pitches ever thrown in a spring or a summer, I probably had

that at one point out here in Brandon. I loved it. My arm really never hurt when I threw. I always said that I didn't throw hard enough to make it hurt. We played 20 games in the spring, and if I was lucky, I could start maybe 10 of those games. You'd only have two or three a week, so it was easy to start a couple of those games every week and then you'd just roll into the summer," he said.

Although there were no pitch counts, Van Leur said "we were still smart about it.

There was probably was never a game where we had to throw over 130 pitches, but I did a few times when needed."

Van Leur was able to steer clear of any arm issues until his fourth year at Creighton.

"I tried to do some things in college throwing it differently," he said. "Then my shoulder popped out."

Having his dad as his baseball coach is also a standout memory from his prep days as a Lynx.

"I loved it," he's quick to say. "You don't quite understand it when you're little, but the amount of knowledge and good

teaching that I had, I was so fortunate. He was so calm out there on the baseball field. He never got rattled and when somebody did something wrong, he wasn't screaming in your face. He was more about just teaching, and I found that's the kind of the coaching that I responded to the best. When you have a dad and a coach that fits your personality, it was one of those things that was



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fun and special and you don't fully grasp that when you're in the situation."

From Brandon Valley, Van Leur earned a scholarship to play baseball for the Division 1 Creighton Bluejays. As it turned out Creighton was only one of three schools that had the Lynx pitcher on their radar. Wayne State and Augustana University were the others.

"Once Creighton came into the fold, it was a kind of a no-brainer for me.

They had a couple of good seasons in a row – top 25 and making the tournament down there. If I wanted to have a chance of winning conference and national

championships, that was my best route at that time. As soon as they said, 'We'd love to have you,' I basically signed on the dotted line right there," he said.

He was fortunate to dabble in the majors, albeit "very short," he said.

But it didn't come by way of being drafted or picked up post-draft.

It happened via an invitation to be a pitcher's coach at Martha's Vineyard. Fresh off his college career, Van Leur took the mound for five innings, and personnel with the Braxton Rocks witnessed the abilities of the Lynx lefty. That was the starting point for his invitation to try out for the Philadelphia Phillies. Ironically so, his tryout took place at his alma mater, Creighton.

"I threw about 12 pitches is all," he remembers.

Not long after, he and his dad, Brad, were walking into the second game of the World Series in St. Louis when his phone rang and he heard: "We would you like to come to spring training for the Philllies."

There were three days left in spring training when he was cut.

He went on to play two more years with the Sioux Falls Canaries/Pheasants and was traded to Winnipeg for a short stint, all the while hoping another MLB team would pick him up.

Had it not been for that disappointment, Van Leur may not have reunited with



Photo courtesy of Creighton University Athletics
Jack VanLeur's pitching skills afforded him a baseball scholarship to Creighton University.

a BVHS classmate, Megan Niklason, who would eventually become his wife. The two are parents to two boys, Bennett, 5, and Cohan, 3.

"You don't realize it when you're young how good it is. But now that we're back here, we wouldn't have it any other way," he said.

As he reflects back to high school and his time as a Brandon Valley Lynx, Van Leur puts his thoughts into words.

"To me, it's never about the name on the back of the jersey, it's the people you're surrounded by. A lot of people say it's Brandon Valley Lynx pride, but I think it goes deeper than that. I've been thinking about all the old teammates and all the old coaches, and now realize that we were surrounded by so many

good people here and had so many opportunities. I can only speak for Brandon (Valley), but I can't imagine other schools out there and other communities that have the amount of opportunities – and good opportunities – that we have here. It can be any activity. In the classroom, the teachers we had, they cared about you as a person, and I see them on the street now, and they still care about me. They're asking about my kids and they're asking about how so and so is doing. It means a lot to be a Brandon Valley Lynx, but it means more to be part of this community and how great it is. Any chance that I have now to give back to this community, I want to do it, because I want to give kids the same opportunities that I had when I was a kid."