

‘It’s a shame to see it happen

USAC nixes Huset’s from its 2023 schedule

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

Last week, the United States Automobile Club (USAC) announced their 2023 Sprint Car and Midget schedule. For non-winged open wheel racing fans, they will unfortunately not be back at Huset’s next summer. The two-year experiment called the USAC Nationals at Huset’s was a financial failure for race promoter Matt Wood of Elk Grove, Calif. The USAC Nationals was a three-day event that brought the top non-wing Sprint Car and Midget drivers to Brandon. Wood also promotes the Hangtown 100, a USAC Sprint Car and Midget event in Placerville, Calif. The Hangtown 100 is a massive event, and Wood said he had hoped to bring that enthusiasm to South Dakota. “Midget racing is my favorite racing in



Photo courtesy of United States Automobile Club
Mitchell Moles won last year’s USAC Nationals at Huset’s Speedway.

the whole world,” he said. “USAC is my favorite series. To me, bringing it to Huset’s

was perfect. But I might have had some stars in my eyes or saw something that

wasn’t there.” Part of the attraction for Wood and other non-winged fans across the country is the track size at Huset’s. It’s arguably the most perfect fit to host a USAC show. The USAC Midgets raced at Huset’s in 1996 to a sizable crowd. The USAC Sprint Cars made their first visit to South Dakota when they raced at Huset’s for the Gold Cup in 2016. But Wood’s USAC Nationals in 2021 and 2022 brought both of the series together for what he hoped would be a non-winged fan’s dream. However, Wood said the crowds weren’t great at Huset’s in 2021, and even worse last July. He said he lost a “pretty substantial amount of money.” Most USAC teams are based in Indianapolis. Outside of a swing late in the summer to California each year, the trip to Huset’s

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Brandon Realtor spies ornament hanging on westside fire hydrant

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Michael Gross is a husband, a father, a Realtor and coffee shop owner. Now, he can add sleuth to his resume. After deciphering three weeks of clues in the *Brandon Valley Journal’s* sixth annual “Finding Brandon’s Christmas Spirit” ornament hunt, Gross plucked the wooden rein-

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Jill Meier/BV Journal
Three members of the Gross family – Tristan, Michael and Jessica – went on the hunt for “Brandon’s Christmas Spirit” ornament.

Face to face with Santa Claus



Jill Meier/BV Journal
Santa Claus Day is a longtime tradition in Valley Springs, and once again, Santa and the Community Club put some big smiles on the faces of youngsters, including Ellie Jacobs. As always, every child received a gift, some face to face time with Santa, and a candy cane. For more photos, see page 9 and the photo gallery at brandonvalleyjournal.com.

Council ‘tables’ action on tabling agenda topics

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Call it irony if you will, but the Brandon City Council essentially “tabled” action on a draft policy about the very subject of tabling agenda items at their Monday night meeting, which was the council’s final meeting of 2022. Alderwoman Dana Clark said it was brought up at a Coffee with the Council session by a resident that had attended a couple of meetings regarding a specific topic of contention.

“But it also just makes sense, kind of a procedural clean up,” Clark said. “A lot of other councils will follow ‘Roberts Rule’ and they have a procedure with tabling items and then un-tabling items, and we really don’t. This (would) gives us some room for people to feel that they are in the know and this would clean that up.” Alderman Dave Kull suggested adding a specific meeting date in which the tabled item would be readressed. City Attorney Lisa Marso explained that “Roberts Rules” was eliminated from council procedures years ago, most specifically

because “there are a lot of different rules that are handled a lot of different ways depending on a lot of different forms of government,” Marso explained. “So, when we drafted our rules of order, we drafted them with the idea of what generally happens.” In her revised draft, Marso said motions to table an agenda item would be made with a future meeting date in mind. “If you didn’t specify that, then this provides a mechanism,” Marso said. “The other thing I would say is because our rules are in the ordinance version, we would need to put this in an ordinance version and then

have a first reading and a second reading.” Alderman Colin Steen said he approved of the draft revisions, but said he is most concerned about keeping the lines of communication open to the public. “For me, it ultimately comes down to as long as there is communication of we’re going to see this again or we’re not and it’s going to die out automatically, (and) as long as there’s some sort of date here I’m OK. Again, we’re communicating with the public and it’s not just going to show up on the next agenda without some sort of prior

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Journal Viewpoints

BVSD plan for success is detailed in 5-year plan

Do not wish for success, plan for it.

As outlined in the Brandon Valley School District Strategic Plan, we utilize 5-year planning documents to adequately prepare short and mid-range plans. Our 5-year plans are prepared and submitted by our building and department level administrators to plan for and accommodate our future needs and growth. The school district's 5-year plan outlines financial projections, as well as our future staffing, programming, and facility needs.

Undoubtedly, there are more needs than resources, but this planning process

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Dr. Jarod Larson
BVSD Superintendent



is a critical strategy to support our proactive approach to the management of our available resources. Previous planning documents are available at the Administration Center and the new 5-year plan will be presented in the coming months.

Winter Break begins on Dec. 21 with a two-hour early dismissal and there is no school from Dec. 22-Jan. 2. We hope all our students, staff, and families have a safe and enjoyable winter break. School will resume on Jan. 3, 2023!

Go Lynx!

The holidays

Here we are again, entering the December holiday period. So many fond memories, and a few regrets.

Years ago, my mom used to reach out and ask me and my wife to return to Minnesota for the family Christmas Eve get together, the Christmas Day festivities, and all of the traditional wonderful times with kin and family.

We were living in California, I in the military, on a limited budget, and maybe (probably) an unwillingness to give up our newfound independence and return home for the holidays. And through time, the Absent Uncle emerged, developed his own family traditions and did not make room for the old ways.

In those days, moving from Minnesota to California meant a new definition of independence. No more family get togethers for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and all of the extended family firmly expected attendance

THE ABSENT UNCLE

D.C. Schultz
Guest Columnist



events. Distance dictated and rationalized this.

Oh.

Sounded good. Felt good (at the time).

But now, 40-plus years later I realize what I missed. My siblings' children growing up, having children and families growing. I don't know them. The events, big and small, not being a part of, or even knowing about at all. I didn't make the effort.

The Absent Uncle is trying to catch up, trying to re-establish connections that should have never been lost. And trying to fill in the blanks of where he has been in the meantime and let the family know all is well with me.

For those of you puzzled on what this article is all about – in a short revue – regrets – family is a reason for the season and so much more.

Happy holidays to you and yours!

SOUNDING OFF

Brandon Valley Journal Website Poll

Do you think Redwood Ranch should be rezoned to R3 to allow for a 108-unit apartment complex?

Yes, housing is needed – 30 percent

No, not in my backyard – 65 percent

Neutral, I see both sides of the issue – 5 percent

'Home' for the holidays ...

I love all things Christmas. The reason for the season. The decorating. Church programs. Yummy holiday treats. The festive music. Cute kids on Santa's lap. The innocence of 'I believe.' Blinged out Christmas cookies. Gatherings with family and friends. And going *home* for the holidays.

It's the last one on my list that's just a bit different this year than any other year that's come before. For the first time in my near six decades of life, I don't have a *home* to go to. Although my Mom passed shortly before Thanksgiving a year ago, I still had her *home* to go to last

Christmas. And while she was no longer there and her home wasn't decorated in usual fashion, there was just something about walking through the door of *home*.

For weeks leading up to Christmas, my friends have been asking, 'Where are you going for Christmas?' I know it's a common question, and one that I've asked others hundreds of times before, but this year, it has brought tears to my eyes and a lump in my throat.

I know how I'm feeling is all part of the grief process, and I know in the

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years to come, memories will dry up my tear-lined eyes and the lump in my throat.

I'll be spending Christmas Eve – weather, of course, allowing – with my longtime friend of 50-plus years, Trisha, and her mom, Enie, in St. James. Enie's home sits right across the street from mom's former home. Sometimes, it's a bittersweet view. I'm happy to see the familiar two-story home on the corner lot, but somewhat sad knowing

a new family is making memories there now.

On Christmas Day, I'll set out for New Ulm, Minn., where my brother and his wife, and their three boys and families all live. As always, it will be a day of chaos with nephew Trav's home filled with three generations of Meiers, a tableful of holiday goodies, a bounty of presents under the tree and a bigger-than-we-probably-needed prime rib roast.

This is now our family's 'new normal.' And while a home surely doesn't make a holiday, I truly miss going *home* for the holidays. Merry Christmas.



Joy to the World

"Joy to the World, the Lord is come. Let Earth receive her King." This song has filled the air these past days, declaring the birth of the Messiah.

2,000 years ago, the shepherds out in the field heard much the same. But the angel said unto them, "Do not be afraid. bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you, he is the Messiah, Christ the Lord."

The Joy of Christmas is everywhere. It can be heard in the delightful screams and giggles of children as they open presents. It can be seen in the faces of families as they gather. It can even be tasted as we sit down to a meal full of dishes and memories from the past.

I noticed a change in me over the years. As a child, the

FROM THE PULPIT

Pastor Kirk Strand
Brandon Valley Assembly of God



joy is in getting a gift. And now, as a grandparent of three, the joy is in giving. There is no better experience than to watch and listen to the little ones as they open packages. I know the time to clean up wrapping paper is coming, but for now, just sit back and see the wonder of

Christmas.

It reminds me of a moment in the life of John the Beloved. He is now the "Grandpa" of the young group of believers, following Jesus Christ. He writes in III John 1:4, "I have no greater Joy than to know my children walk in truth."

Perhaps that is the greatest Joy of Christmas. The Joy that was spoken by the angels is echoed every time someone chooses to let the Christ child be born in their heart. God Bless, Merry Christmas and JOY TO THE WORLD.

Hoffman: A different kind of politician

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The irony is he never wanted to be a politician. Despite winning three elections at different levels ... all against incumbents and by record margins ... Sen-elect Brent "B.R." Hoffman has always been a reluctant candidate for political office, only stepping up to serve when he felt God called him to it.

Serving on a City Council, he walked each precinct every year, listening to residents and trying to fix problems. Not many politicians knock on doors after elections, but residents appreciated it, naming him "Best Politician" four times. On the school board, he championed student performance and fiscal responsibility, donating his own salary to a scholarship fund for students. In the state senate,

"He's committed to doing a fair and honest job and the only way to do that is to be a good listener, do your homework and pray before you speak. He is ready, willing and able to do all of that, and will be a senator South Dakota can be proud of," says Representative Rhonda Milstead.

Not everyone appreciates his populist perspective, as even his own party worked against him in the primary. South Dakota's governor and congressman knocked on doors for his opponent, a 15-year incumbent representative, but Hoffman rolled to a 67-33 victory anyway. Senator Lee Schoenbeck, now a friend of Hoffman, first supported his opponent as well saying,

"after the primary I got to know Brent and spent some time with him and admire that he's a student of the process."

It'll be interesting to watch this reluctant politician in the state senate, given his passion for term limits, transparency and other big ideas. But I think he'll do well because he has a persevering nature, honed by raising two kids after losing his wife to cancer, even making it through the teenage years with only a few scratches. I'm confident he'll make a difference and trust the results to God because he always has. I should know. He's my dad.

Lydia Hoffman

Daughter of District 9 Senator-elect Brent Hoffman, Sioux Falls

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Frustrations mount over city snow removal process following winter storm

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Anyone in the Brandon area hoping for a white Christmas got what they wished for when Mother Nature made some noise last week.

Several inches of snow fell on the area in early December. Although a healthy amount of snow hit the ground, the real problems came last week when heavy rain doused Brandon and surrounding areas on Tuesday.

Temps dipped on Wednesday, making for treacherous driving conditions. More snow fell on Thursday with heavy winds on top of it, making for a winter wonderland gone bad.



A city snowplow clears snow from Dogwood Street earlier this month. The city is tasked with plowing 85 lane miles of road in the city limits with five snow removal trucks.

Jill Meier/BV Journal

In the midst of all the moisture pounding the ground, Brandon and Valley Springs road crews were dealt a difficult situation trying to clear streets.

In Brandon, there are 10 public works employees on the clock working to clear streets. Public Works Director Rollie Hoeke said the crews are met with 12 to 14-hour days, sometimes more, during snow events. He said it's the only thing they work on when inches of snow blanket the area.

With over 85 lane miles of road in Brandon and five large snow removal trucks, Hoeke said it takes time. On a regular snow event of over three inches, it can take up to 10 hours to clear

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was the longest on the calendar for USAC teams.

Kirk Spridgeon of USAC said that long haul for the teams made it tough, but said it was worth it from a competitor's standpoint.

"It is perfect," he said of Huset's. "As far as the competitor base, everybody enjoyed going there and racing there. That end of things were great. It's just hard to make it all make sense. We try to do all we can to make it sensible for everyone, but it's tough for us to take that many people that far and then not be able to get a whole lot more (crowd) than we did."

Longtime USAC public address announcer Pat Sullivan agreed. Sullivan was at Huset's and announced the event in 2021. He hadn't been to the facility since 1984.

"I was flabbergasted at the Huset's Speedway that I saw," he said. "I don't need a lot of bells and whistles. Old dirt race tracks have their appeal to me too, but I thought Huset's may well be the nicest short track in the nation. I really mean that."

The biggest difference between a winged open wheel race car and non-winged, is the speed. Winged Sprint Car racing is what competes every Sunday night at Huset's throughout the summer. Once the wings come off, much of the responsibility to get around the track in a hurry goes back on the driver.

Both winged and non-winged cars also use the same size engine, but the lack of wings makes it tougher to put down a blistering lap like fans see at a winged World of Outlaws event.

But for many, speed doesn't matter. "Just because they go faster doesn't mean it's better racing," said longtime auto racing fan Justin Boese. "It's the best event all year and the main show I want to watch as a fan. Sometimes you'll see more passing in an eight or ten lap non-wing heat race than you'll see all night long at a World of Outlaws race until the start the A feature."

The popularity of non-winged racing is mostly concentrated in Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. There are some local cars in the Sioux Falls area, but not many. At last year's USAC Nationals, Alex Schriever of Hartford raced with the USAC regulars when they came to town in July. He competed weekly at Huset's last summer and said he was disappointed when the USAC schedule came out. He had planned on racing with them again in 2023.

He finished 17th out of the 24-car field last

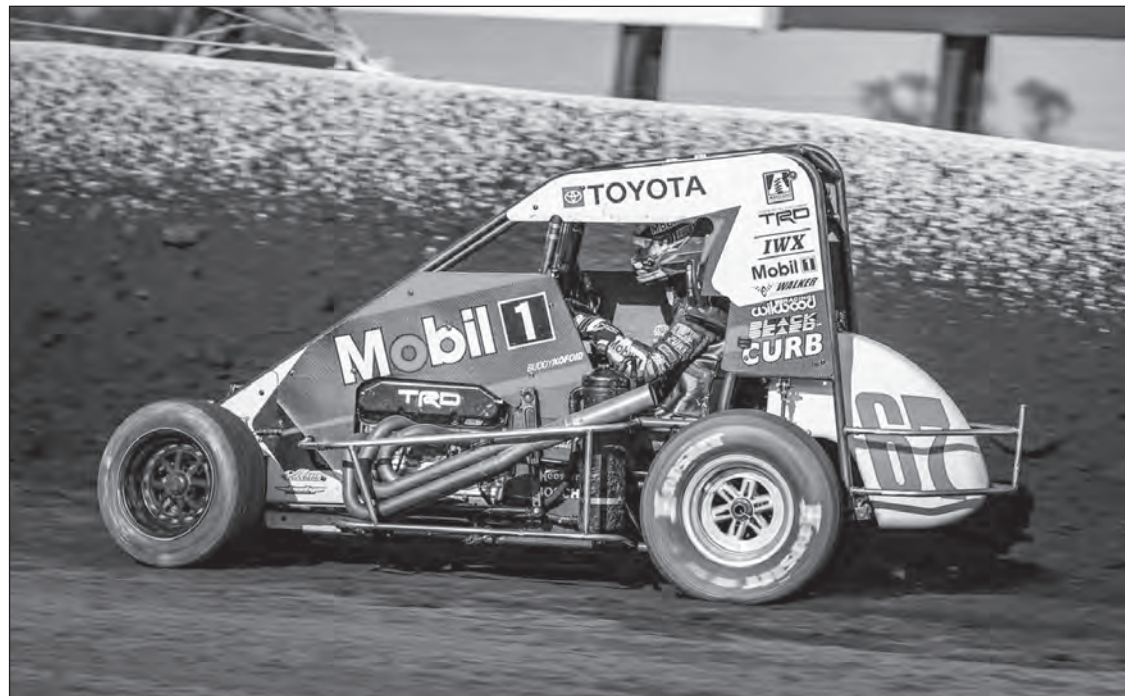


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USAC Inside: Buddy Kofoid is the two-time defending USAC National Midget champion. He said Huset's is one of his favorite tracks.

year.

"You know going into those that you're not going to win. You're going to have a good time, and if you can pull off a top 15, that's cool," he said. "It's a blast, but those guys are just so good. You think you're going to be alright because you race at that track every weekend, but it doesn't matter where those guys go. They're going to be fast no matter what. It is disappointing, but at the same time I saw it coming with the lack of attendance."

One of those non-winged standouts is Buddy Kofoid. He raced at the USAC Nationals last year, and also at the winged World of Outlaws event. The 21-year-old is the two-time defending USAC National Midget champion and has his sights set on a career in NASCAR.

He'll be back at Huset's in 2023 for the World of Outlaws event, but he, too, said he's disappointed he won't get a chance to race a USAC car in Brandon.

"It's a shame to see it happen. Huset's is one of my favorite tracks I've been on," he said. "I like the size of it, and the facility is next to none. It was one of the best tracks we were able to go to with USAC."

For Wood, it obviously was a big financial loss, which makes his visit to Brandon the two

years promoting the event even more of a head scratcher.

He said he spent much of the three days in the grandstands, talking with fans and getting their feedback on non-winged racing at the track.

"The funny thing is, every fan in the stands thought it was the best racing they'd ever seen," he said. "I had fans tell me they were going to tell Huset's officials to do away with 410 winged Sprint Car racing and just have these guys here every week."

That's clearly not going to happen. As disappointing as it is for many that USAC won't be back, Huset's still has some massive events scheduled for 2023, all with wings.

The World of Outlaws sanctioned High Bank Nationals is set for June 21-24. It's the highest paying Sprint Car racing in the history of the sport with the winner pocketing \$250,000.

The World of Outlaws have been popular at Huset's since the 1980s.

"You can't replicate the blinding speed of a winged sprint car," Sullivan said. "They're dazzling. When the World of Outlaws comes to town, they've got a major production and I think it appeals a lot to younger people. But Huset's is ideal (for USAC) in so many ways. So, was I sad (when the schedule came out)? Yes, terribly."

TALK of the TOWN

Help keep fire hydrants clear of snow

The Brandon and Valley Springs volunteer fire departments remind residents to help clear snow from fire hydrants near their home. Remove any snow and ice within a three-foot perimeter of the hydrant and clear a path from the hydrant to the street.

Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed puts out call for donations

The Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed committee is accepting donations of wild game and live and silent auction items for its 2023 wild game feed and auction. To donate, contact one of the following committee members: Harry Buck at (605) 366-0221; Stan Schoeneman at (605) 366-7842; Jill Meier at (605) 321-8423; or Todd Geerdes at (605) 553-2786.

The wild game feed – always held the Saturday evening before the Super Bowl – is Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Brandon VFW.

Ladies, Geriatric hockey leagues are Wednesday nights

Brandon Valley Hockey Association has a Ladies League from 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the McHardy Park outdoor rink, followed by the Geriatric Hockey League from 8-10 p.m. at the McHardy Park outdoor rink. The leagues are open to all levels of skaters.

December list needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

This month's needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are saltine and snack crackers, small boxes of PopTarts, juice, pickles, granola bars, Spam, Manwich, boxes of instant oat meal.

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

Pucks & Ponytails returns

Brandon Valley Hockey Association has brought back Pucks & Ponytails, which is geared for female skaters. The program is from 10-11 a.m. Saturdays on the BVHA's outdoor rink at Aspen Park. To learn more, visit brandonvalleyhockey.com.

Open skate at the rink is also scheduled from 8-9 p.m. Fridays.

Valley Springs snow removal policy

In the event of two or more inches of snow, no parking is allowed on public streets for snow removal purposes. Illegally parked vehicles will be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense. Snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours from the fall of snow or formation of ice on sidewalks. If snow or ice is frozen to sidewalks and can't be removed, suitable material must be sprinkled on the sidewalk.

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AREA DEATH NOTICES

Tuesday, Dec. 13
Wanda Barnhart, 90, Sioux Falls
Dale Crandall, 70, Chancellor Inez Eastman, 95, Sioux Falls
James “Edward” Goettsch, 85, Sioux Falls
Bernice Harms, 79, Sioux Falls
Larry Lewison, 81, Beresford
Deanna Miller, 82, Sioux Falls
John Muilenburg, 76, Mount Vernon
Elizabeth Semple, 41, Sioux Falls
Evelyn Soukup, 104, Tyndall
Thomas “Tom” Steedle, 86, Sioux Falls
Evelyn Taylor, 94, Worthington, Minn.
Calvin “Cal” Willemssen, 76, Sioux Falls
Larry Zwemke, 81, Sioux Falls

Wednesday, Dec. 14
Fern Anderson, 90, Princeton, Minn., formerly of Worthington, Minn.
Ona DeWitte, 85, Baltic
Crystal “Chris” Fedders, 80, Sioux Falls
Arlis Fox, 86, Sioux Falls, formerly of Codington and Clark counties
Jill Healy, 63, Sioux Falls
Randy Jaques, 68, Sioux Falls
Gerald Lee, 99, Dearborn, Mich.
Marlyn Mullinix, 78, Thornton, Colo.
Edward Ordal, 78, Colton
Marcel Piehl, 73, Dalhart, Texas, formerly of Madison
Bonnie Sanborn, 90, Sioux Falls

Thursday, Dec. 15
Margery Bakker, 91, Sioux Falls
Faith Christiansen, 89, Sioux Falls
Jean Conley, 79, Sioux Falls
Darlene Hohn, 87, Ethan
Mary Hollaren, 78, Mankato, Minn., formerly of Luverne, Minn.
Beverly Kempf, 82, Huron
Richard “Dick Klinkel, 75, DeSmet
Norma Marrion, 85, Sioux Falls

Friday, Dec. 16
Mary Ann Davidson, 74, Hartford
Harold Fischer, 90, Parkston
Bruce Gebauer, 64, Sioux Falls
Shirley Larsen, 74, Mitchell
Marion Nixon Manning, 79, Sioux Falls
Mary Smith, 91, Sioux Falls

Saturday, Dec. 17
Arlis Eisland, 102, Sioux Falls
Norma Hoover, 88, Sioux Falls
Betty Jensen, 97, Viborg
Louise Johnson, 76, Sioux Falls
William “Mark” Leonard, 72, Sioux Falls
Nancy McMunigal, 85, Sioux Falls
Steve Rabuck, 69, Sioux Falls
Floyd Tullar, 77, Sioux Falls
Andreas Unruh, 40, Plankinton
Roger Vant Hul, 83, Sioux Falls

Sunday, Dec. 18
Steve Blaue, 68, Pipestone, Minn.
Lawrence DeJong, 87, Yankton
Theresa Fuerst, 92, Mitchell
Larry Hasz, 78, Mitchell

Monday, Dec. 19
Gail Buehlmann, 48, Sioux Falls
James “Jim” Carman, 73, Sioux Falls
Frank Gifford, 75, Sioux Falls
Leona Hedge, 97, Wessington
Helene Heiberger, 95, Salem
Illa Heikes, 92, Sioux Falls
Dale Lauck, 90, Madison
Jason Luschen, 42, Colton
Judith Morken, 82, Sioux Falls
Scott Sanford, 72, Sioux Falls
James Schrank, 74, Sioux Falls
Beth Ann Sorenson, 56, Sioux Falls
Dixie Thompson, 82, Beresford
Raymond Vaughn, 89, Sioux Falls

Elizabeth Semple, 41

Elizabeth Rae (Betsy Lawrence) Semple died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska.
A Celebration of Remembrance was held Friday, Dec. 16, 2022 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls.
Elizabeth is survived by her husband, George “Jake” Semple of Sioux Falls; parents, Scott and Marlys Lawrence of Sioux Falls; brother, Ralph (Emily) Lawrence of Sioux Falls; maternal grandmother, Wilma DeRoo of Brandon; niece, Josephine and nephews, Oliver and Julian, all of Sioux Falls; and her mother and father-in-law, Jeraldeen Semple of Sioux City, Iowa, and Donald Semple of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
For online condolences, visit millerfh.com.

Inez M. Eastman, 95

Inez Marie Eastman, 95, of Sioux Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 at Dow Rummel Village in Sioux Falls.
A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022 at Cathedral of St. Joseph, 521 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022 at Miller Funeral Home – Downtown Chapel, 507 S Main Ave., Sioux Falls, with memories to be shared by selected speakers at 6:30 p.m.
Inez Hodne was born March 16, 1927 to Ole and Selma (Nelson) Hodne in Brandon. She attended Valley Springs Elementary School and Brandon Valley High School, from which she later graduated.
She is survived by 11 children, Mark Eastman of Sioux Falls, Bob (Karen) Eastman of Northfield, Minn., David (Maggie) Eastman of Sioux Falls, Nancy (Doug) Hauck of Littleton,

Mary Ann Davidson, 74

Mary Ann Davidson, 74, of Hartford, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, while in hospice care in Sioux Falls, SD. She was 74.
Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 19, 2022 at Brandon Valley Assembly of God Church.

OBITUARIES

Evelyn C. Soukup, 104

Evelyn Christine Soukup, 104, of Tyndall, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022 at the Good Samaritan Home of Tyndall. A Memorial Mass was held Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall. Interment will take place at a later date, in the St. Leo Catholic Cemetery.
Eve is survived by her son, Jacques (Edward); five grandchildren, Lynn Foote of Quincy, Ill., Michelle Dean of Harrisburg, Michael (Brenda) Soukup of Bourbonnais, Ill., Jill (Jared) Wadkins of Brandon, and JoAnn Poppens of Sioux Falls; sister, Ione Karolevitz of Tabor; brother, Don Sternhagen of Avon; also, 13 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Survivors include her husband, Ed; daughter, Michelle (Matthew) Nelson, Sioux Falls; son, Dr. Theo (Katie) Davidson, Brandon; six grandchildren, Madison Nelson, Cohen Nelson, Benton Nelson, Marisa Davidson, Elyon Davidson, and Eden Davidson; sister, Linda Behlen (Myron) of Columbus, Neb.; and many nieces and nephews.
For online condolences, visit millerfh.com.

Mary L. Smith, 91

Mary L. Smith, 91, of Sioux Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022 at Good Samaritan Center, Sioux Falls. Private family services have been held.
She is survived by her children, Douglas (Barb) Smith, Susan Smith and Mark Smith, all of Sioux Falls, Loren Smith, Huron, Francis Smith, Brandon, and Ronald Smith, Sioux Falls; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Robert Nelson; sister, Cathy Hoffman; half-brother, Allen Nelson; son-in-law, Steve Miller; and a host of nieces and nephews.
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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Brandon area property transfers from Dec. 9-16, 2022 on record in the County Equalization office are as follows. Dollar amounts are rounded:
• 312 First Ave., Brandon, from Robert John Questad to Julianne and Aaron E. Wipf, \$150,000.
• 613 Eastern Ave., Garretson, from William Henjum to Lori A. and Mark E. Caauwe, \$230,000.
• 416 E. Cairns Pl., Brandon, from Redwood Homes, Inc. to Platinum Properties LLC, \$400,000.
• 209 S. First Ave., Brandon, from Robert A. and Danielle Silvera to MH & HH Construction LLC, \$141,000.
• 1001 S. Parkview Blvd., Brandon, from Bill L. and Joyce A. Shoup to Daniel William Larsen and Kristin Jenell Larsen, \$469,500.
• Vacant lot, Lincoln Hiaring Ode and Bailey Ode to Terry and Rhonda VanZanten, \$300,000.

THE LYNX WAY

Bunker is UN-L December graduate
The University of Nebraska-Lincoln conferred 1,288 degrees during commencement exercises Dec. 16 and 17 at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The 1,262 graduates are from 50 countries, 41 states and more than 170 Nebraska communities.
Among the local graduates is **Mya Lynn Bunker**, College of Business, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with highest distinction. Bunker is from Brandon.

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.

TUESDAY, DEC. 13
• Motorist assist, 260th St. and E. Hemlock Blvd., Brandon, necessary action taken.
• Traffic hazard, W. Redwood Blvd., Brandon, necessary action taken.
• Traffic hazard, W. Redwood Blvd., Brandon, necessary action taken.
• Electrical hazard, 259th St., Brandon, necessary action taken.
• Assist Highway Patrol, I-90 and I-90 ramp, Brandon, necessary action taken.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14
• Accident, 484th Ave. and 264th St., Valley Springs, state accident report taken.
• Injury accident rollover, 475th Ave. and Northview Dr., Renner, necessary action taken.

TUESDAY, DEC. 13
• Motorist assist in 400 block of S. Splitrock Blvd.
• Medical emergencies in 100 block of W. Hackberry St., 400 block of E. Cairns Place, turned over to MED-Star.
• Two-vehicle accident in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., one driver cited for overdriving road conditions.
• Lost property reported in 1000 block of N. Splitrock Blvd.
• Assist Sheriff’s office with an injury accident, occurred in county.
• Family dispute/CHINS reported in 100 block of W. Evergreen Dr., one juvenile arrested for resisting arrest, simple assault-domestic, simple assault against law enforcement, intentional damage to property.
• Suspicious vehicle at N. Splitrock Blvd. and E. Keystone Dr., unable to make contact.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14
• Suspicious vehicle in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.
• Medical emergency in

• Accident, 254th St., Renner, state accident report taken.
• DWI, E. Willow St. and N. First Ave., Brandon, necessary action taken.
• Accident, 262nd St., Valley Springs, necessary action taken, vehicle was towed.

THURSDAY, DEC. 15
• Accident, 266th St., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
• Abandoned vehicles, Wood St., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
• Check well-being, River Ave. and Dows St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Accident, 264th St., Brandon, necessary action taken.

FRIDAY, DEC. 16
• Accident, 252nd St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Unconscious/fainting, 264th St. and 484th Ave., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
• Abandoned vehicles,

250th St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Traffic hazard, Hwy. 11, Brandon necessary action taken.
• Larceny, Lindbergh Ave. and 258th St., Renner, case report and photos taken.
• Motorist assist, 260th St., Brandon, necessary action taken.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17
• Hit-and-run, Hwy. 11, Garretson.
• Abandoned vehicles, Wood St., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
• Disorderly subjects, Fourth St. and Sherman Ave., Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Parking violation, Fourth St. and Canyon Ave., Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Motorist assist, 485th Ave., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
• Accident, 262nd St., Brandon, necessary action taken.

SUNDAY, DEC. 18
• Motorist assist, I-90 ramp and I-90, Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
• Hit-and-run, Dows St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Vandalism, S. McHardy Road and Three River Circle, Brandon, case report taken.
• Accident, 254th St., Garretson, state accident report taken.
• Reckless driver, Hwy. 42, Brandon.

MONDAY, DEC. 19
• Accident, 258th St., Renner.
• Check well-being, River Ave. and Dows St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Customer dispute, 484th Ave. and 263rd St., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
• Vandalism, West Acres Dr. and Valley Dr., Valley Springs, case report taken.
• Stalled vehicle, 484th Ave. and 263rd St., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.

BRANDON POLICE REPORT



900 block of N. Freedom Circle, turned over to MED-Star.
• Towed abandoned vehicle in 700 block of S. Seventh Ave.
• Possible assault in 1200 block of E. Keystone Pl., checked OK, unfounded.
• Disorderly juveniles in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., 500 block of E. Holly Blvd., advised.
• Tagged abandoned vehicle in 2700 block of E. Augusta St.
• Public assists in 600 block of E. Holly Blvd., 600 block of E. Willow St., 100 block of S. Yellowstone Dr., 300 block of S. Main Ave.
• Motorist assist at E. Aspen Blvd. and S. Country Club Ave.

THURSDAY, DEC. 15
• Check security at all parks.
• Medical emergency in 2200 block of E. Pebble Beach Lane, 700 block of S. Eighth Ave., turned over to

MED-Star.
• Audible car alarm in 200 block of S. Oak Ridge Road, advised.
• Alarm in 1800 block of N. Walnut Ave., checked OK.
• Suspicious vehicles in 100 block of W. Alpine Circle, 1100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK, advised.
• Check well-being of subject in 300 block of S. Nelson Lane, checked OK.
• Assist Brandon Fire Department with an alarm in 100 block of S. Sandstone Ave.
• Assist Sheriff’s office with an abandoned vehicle, occurred in county.

FRIDAY, DEC. 16
• Public assists in 200 block of W. Ironwood St., 300 block of S. Main Ave.
• Medical emergency in 300 block of S. Sixth Ave., turned over to MED-Star.
• Assist Sioux Falls Police with trying to locate a runaway in 2000 block of E. Sylvan Circle.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17
• Suspicious vehicle in 900

block of N. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.
• Check security in 1200 block of E. Holly Blvd.
• Medical emergencies in 1000 block of E. Teakwood St., 3000 block of E. Aspen Blvd., 2700 block of E. Augusta St., turned over to MED-Star.
• Two-vehicle accident at Sioux and Holly boulevards, one driver cited for overdriving road conditions, passing in a no-passing zone, no insurance.
• One-vehicle accident at W. Ironwood St. and S. Fernwood Ave.
• Check security in 100 block of W. Holly Blvd.

SUNDAY, DEC. 18
• Check well-being of subject in 1000 block of E. Teakwood St., checked OK, advised.
• Motorist assist at S. Arbor Ridge Road and W. Tyler Dr.
• Assist Sheriff’s office with a vandalism, occurred in county.
• Assist Sheriff’s office with a motorist assist, occurred in county.
• Public assist in 1000 block

of E. Teakwood St.
• Assist Sheriff’s office with checking the well-being of subject, occurred in county.
• Assist Sioux Falls Police with locating a runaway in 100 block of W. Evergreen Dr.
• Child custody dispute in 200 block of S. Augusta Ave., advised.
• Medical emergency in 1100 block of E. Teakwood St., turned over to MED-Star.
• Disorderly telephone calls reported in 1200 block of E. Redwood Blvd., advised.

MONDAY, DEC. 19
• Motorist assists in 400 block of W. Park St., at S. Summer Ave. and E. Sunrise Court.
• Two-vehicle accident in 1100 block of E. Teakwood St.
• Stand-by for property pick-up in 1900 block of W. River Bend St.
• Check security at all parks.

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS
• Stray dog in 900 block of N. Freedom Circle.
• Stray cat in 300 block of S. Eighth Ave.

District 2 legislators aligned with Noem’s budget plan

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Earlier this month, Governor Kristi Noem unveiled her proposed budget for the state, and she’s proposing to cut taxes and dip into the reserves.

“We have \$423 million in reserves. Historically, our goal is to keep 10 percent in these funds. Since I’ve been Governor, we have almost doubled that number. We ended last year with a record-breaking budget surplus of \$115.5 million,” Noem said. “That historic surplus in Fiscal Year 2022 was largely thanks to sales and use tax receipts growing by more than 12 percent over the prior fiscal year.”

To date in Fiscal Year 2023, sales and use taxes have grown by another 14.1 percent. Early indications for November show the state will surpass revenue projections by another \$58.8 million, putting the state up \$135.3 million fiscal year to-date. Sales tax alone, she noted, is running \$81.8 million ahead of the estimates that the Legislature adopted.

“In South Dakota we know to prepare for the future. Let me be clear, we have done everything we can in our state to be successful. However, economists indicate there will challenges ahead,” she said, noting two consecutive quarters of negative economic growth and the Federal Reserve’s increase of interest rates is indication that a recession is on the horizon.

“But South Dakota’s growth in tax revenues continue, because our state’s economy is in a far stronger position than the nation’s as a whole. Economists expect that the upcoming recession will be primarily ‘investment-led.’ They expect that our unemployment rate will remain low. And they don’t expect consumer spending to be heavily impacted. Those factors affect how we budget here in our state,” Noem said.

In her proposed budget, Noem said she remains conservative on the revenue projections.

“The people of South Dakota deserve safe planning that protects them from future tax increases or drastic cuts to state services,” she said.

One of the notable topics of Noem’s proposal is eliminating sales tax on groceries. She said it’s the biggest way to help South Dakotans “tackle the challenge of Biden’s inflation and protect hard earned money.”

“You have heard me talk about the rapid increase of the costs of milk, ground beef, eggs and other groceries. Eggs alone have increased to over 140 percent of what they were a year ago. Even with South Dako-



District 2 Representative-elect
Dave Kull

ta having the best personal income growth, family budgets are not keeping up,” Noem said. “We can grow incomes even more by letting people keep more of their own hard-earned money in their pockets.”

Incoming District 2 Representatives Dave Kull and John Sjaarda both support Noem’s proposal to cut sales tax on groceries, although their opinions slightly differ. Senator-elect Steve Kolbeck’s responses were not received prior to publication.

Kull said he needs further information before fully supporting the sales tax cut.

“As the saying goes, ‘The devil is in the details,’” Kull said. “The high side for me is that this is not proposed to impact the municipal sales tax on groceries as the proposal is only targeting the 4.5 percent state tax. Removing the up to 2 percent of municipal tax would have a detrimental impact on cities and towns across the state and their ability to deliver needed services to their communities.”

Sjaarda fully supports eliminating state sales tax on groceries.

“The state is bringing in way more money than they are spending, and the best thing to do is to let the people keep more of their own money. Since everyone buys food, lowering the sales tax on food gives everyone a tax cut,” he said.

In the November General Election, South Dakotans voted to expand Medicaid. Noem said in other states where Medical Expansion was passed, costs exceeded their expectations.

“That’s why this past year, we did our homework, researched those states, and consulted with experts to put together this budget plan to ensure the law is followed,” she said.

The federal government incentivizes states to implement Medicaid by subsidizing costs the first few years. After that, the burden falls



District 2 Representative-elect
John Sjaarda

on the state. The first year, the cost for Medicaid Expansion will be \$66 million, and the state will cover \$13 million. In the second year, the program will cost just under \$70 million, and the state will cover \$16 million.

Noem said expectations are that Medicaid Expansion will be \$66 million in year one, just under \$70 million in year two, and rising to more than \$80 million by year five.

“Make no mistake, the expansion of Medicaid – as passed on the November ballot by the people of this state – is an expansion of a government program that will give free healthcare to a population of the state that the majority are able-bodied, single males. Our goal in policy should be to give people the opportunity to have more freedom in healthcare options, not government-run programs. Let’s keep that in mind in the coming days and give people the dignity of responsive and responsible healthcare that they control – not the government,” Noem said.

Sjaarda said the challenge of funding Medicaid Expansion will come in future years.

“We will have to see in a few years if the State’s economy will grow enough to be able to cover the cost of the expansion at that time,” he said.

Kull said, “The people have spoken on Medicaid Expansion and South Dakota will have to tailor future budgets to fulfill the funding obligations. I think we’re all hopeful that future revenues are sufficient to meet those obligations without seriously impacting the overall budget.”

He said that task largely falls on the Appropriations Committee, who will need to balance their budget recommendations accordingly.

Noem is also proposing a 5 percent increase in state aid to education and wage increases for state employees and providers.

Both Kull and Sjaarda agree with the 5 percent increases.

“With the recent inflation we’ve been seeing, we have an obligation to make sure wages can try to keep up. For me, it’s as simple as that,” Kull said.

“I do agree that our state employees need a pay increase. Inflation is making their paychecks not go as far, and also the state has to be competitive with other employers to be able to hire good people,” Sjaarda said.

Noem is also proposing to amp up Paid Family Leave for state employees.

“We told state employees that if they were bringing a new child into their home – whether by birth or adoption – that the state would cover 60% of their pay via paid family leave. Today, I am announcing that we will be extending that benefit to cover 100 percent of pay for state employees. This will cost \$3 million in ongoing dollars,” Noem said. “One of the biggest challenges facing our state overall is workforce. Too often, new parents have to leave the workforce when a new child joins the family.”

To do this, Noem wants to earmark \$20 million in one-time incentives – spread out over four years – to incentivize private businesses to buy in to a new paid family leave opportunity.

Kull said the proposal needs further research.

“On the one hand, I am admittedly a little old school on this topic. Looking back 40-plus years, I think I took around three to five days off from work after the birth of both our boys, and we were fortunate as my wife was able to be a stay-at-home mom. On the other hand, the world continues to change and with that, expectations of the workforce changes,” he said. “There are companies I know of in our area that do provide paid extended family leave, and I would agree that it’s a much-appreciated benefit. I know of other businesses that just don’t have the staffing or financial ability to offer such a benefit and struggle when a vital staff member is gone for an extended period of time. So, again, I’ll be waiting to hear the debates pro and con on this proposal.”

As for local business owner employees’ views of this topic, Kull has not received any input to date, but said he will start asking around.

Sjaarda, too, wants to learn more.

“I think when most people have a family emergency, their employers and coworkers come together to give them some support. I would not be a fan of mandating employers to give their employees paid medical leave, but am open to hear what the Governor has to say,” he said.

FINDING BRANDON’S CHRISTMAS SPIRIT cont. from page 1

reindeer ornament from a fire hydrant on the city’s westside positioned along Frontier Street last Wednesday afternoon.

Gross was gifted a “sleigh full” of goods in the prize package that was supplied by local merchants. Among his prize winnings are an electric toothbrush from Today’s Family Dentistry, hair products from Love That Look, hardwood floor cleaning kit and carpet cleaning solution from Family Floors & Furniture, free oil change and tire rotation and multiple car washes from Blaine’s, a basket of goods courtesy of the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, a one-year subscription to the *Brandon Valley Journal*, coupons from Taco John’s, and gift cards galore from Tailgator’s, Expressway, Brandon Spirits, Papa Murphy’s, Oakridge Nursery, and Casey’s.

As always, the ornament for the sixth consecutive year was made by Splitrock Furniture and engraved by Monte’s Woodshop.

His wife, Jessica, and their son, Titan, had been on the hunt since the first clue was published.

“Titan and I went out every Wednesday. I’d pick him up at school after I got off work and we would go out and look,” she said.

Sharing her excitement for the hunt, Jessica kept Michael in the know.

“I told him it was a fire hydrant. I told him what part of town it was in. I knew, from the very first clue, what part of town it was in,” Jessica shared. “I watch a lot of crime shows. I know how to investigate.”

Jessica said she and Titan slowly drove by the fire hydrant numerous times in their multi-week hunts. Early on in their hunt, she told Titan that she didn’t think it would be on a fire hydrant.

But it was.

And of course, he was quick to remind his mom once his dad announced his big find.

Next year, Jessica said she’s staying mum to Michael on her inkling of where the ornament may be.

“I’ll be honest with you. I’ve never done it before. I’ve never looked at a clue before, but Ardell Johnson does, and she always told me about the clues,” Jessica said.

“Then the last few months, I kept thinking about it. I don’t know why, but I knew it was coming up and I just said, ‘I’m going to win that this year,’ so I made sure and looked at all of the clues.”

Knowing his wife and son were on the hunt, Michael said it was his third time out searching that he hit the jackpot.

“I went out and searched for maybe a half hour, hour. I did that twice and I didn’t find it. I walked past it probably about seven different times and never looked on that fire hydrant. I was thinking poles,” he said.

After week three clue was published, Jessica called him on her way to work telling him she was 100 percent sure the ornament was on a fire hydrant.

So, in the spirit of the hunt, he headed out a third time, stopping at every fire hydrant along Holly Boulevard from Sioux Boulevard west.

“There was even a funeral (procession), and I’m on the side of the road as its going by, and so I’m waving, because I probably shouldn’t be parked on the side of the road, but I did have my flashers on. Then, I got all

the way down past the (Heartland) funeral home to the sign, and then I was going to quit and started heading back into town but then decided to check the side street (Frontier Street),” he said, and that’s when he spied the wooden reindeer.

His first call was to his wife.

“I found it! I found it!” he announced.

He also called Ardell Johnson to let her know of his big find.

Michael said he wholeheartedly agrees that without Jessica’s input, he would not have even gone in search of the “Finding Brandon’s Christmas Spirit” ornament.

“But you called me so frustrated every single time that made me even more want to find it,” he told Jessica.

Her response: “I’m the brains behind the operation. He will just go do it so it looks like it’s his idea,” she said.

Despite the light-hearted jabs, Jessica said she had fun deciphering the clues and gaining some quality bonding time with Titan.”



This week's guest:
NATALIE BARBER
Realtor

Spotify, Apple, Facebook: January 25 // Midnight
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Happy Dog Hideaway has new ownership

Callahan families team up in three-decade-old dog, cat kennel business

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Garrett Callahan was dropping off the family dog, Kiara, at an eastside Sioux Falls kennel for a short stay, when he spied the “For Sale” sign.

That in-a-moment glance quickly turned into a business partnership that he and his wife, Beth, forged with his brother Griffan and his wife, Ashley. Together, the Callahans are now the proud of owners of Happy Dog Hideaway, nestled between Brandon and Sioux Falls at 6701 E. Madison St. “That’s how it happened,” says Garrett, who, with his wife, own and operate a trio of Brandon-based businesses under one roof, South Dakota Threads, Ambush Apparel and Ambush Basketball. “We’ve been here (as customers). Amanda (Anderson, manager) knows our dogs, Kiara for sure, for the past five, six years. We lived on the eastside of Sioux Falls and now Brandon, and this is where we’ve always taken our dogs.”

In conversation with the kennel’s owner, Jerry Geraets, Garrett adds, “One thing led to another.” Ashley Callahan said the brothers have long wanted to embark on a family business venture. “He’s (Griffan) wanted to do something with his brother in a side investment, something for the family kind of thing. Looking at different options, different things, this just sort of fell into place and has worked out really well,” she said. “It’s a family venture.”

Adds Beth: “Like Ashley said, we looked into a lot of different things, but this was more up our alley of what our family interests are. That’s not saying we know how to run a kennel, but we really wanted to get into this type of thing because we really like animals, we like pets, we like dogs and when we met the staff, it just seemed like a great opportunity.”

One of the key staff members at Happy Dog Hideaway is manager Amanda Anderson. She’s worked at Happy Dog since 2010.



Jill Meier/BV Journal

The Callahan families have teamed up in a new business endeavor by purchasing Happy Dog Hideaway last month. Pictured are Beth Callahan, manager Amanda Anderson and Ashley Callahan.



ABOUT HAPPY DOG HIDEAWAY
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Email: info@happydogkennels@gmail.com
Website: happydoghideaway.com
Hours: Sunday & Tuesday, – 7-9 a.m., 4-6 p.m.; Monday, & Friday – 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday – 7 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-6 p.m. See website for holiday hours.

“That was one of the biggest key factors was having her here,” Garrett said. “She knows all the ins and outs; we don’t. We know we ‘drop off our dogs here.’ The dogs love it, we’re happy. Her knowing all the ins and outs of this has made our lives easier, and hopefully, we’re trying to make her life easier after all these changes.”

Beth said Kiara has always been tail-wagging excited to go Happy Dog Hideaway.

“Our dog is to the point, when

we turn onto Madison, she knows where she’s going and she gets super-excited, and when we pull in here, she just goes crazy,” she said.

“She gets super-excited. She jumps out of the car and loves coming in,” Garrett adds.

The kennel originally opened for business in 1987 under the name, Pine Lake Kennel. Garrett said it operated out of a garage that had no more than five kennels, “so it was small.”

Today, Happy Dog Hideaway can kennel between 40 to 50 dogs. Dogs from the same home are sometimes kenneled together, they said. The kennel also boards cats.

“Manager” is not Anderson’s only title. She’s also a groomer, which is currently the other service Happy Dog Hideaway provides.

The new ownership group is exploring adding doggy daycare

services and VIP suites.

“We’ve definitely thought about it,” Garrett said in regards to doggy daycare.

“And we’ve had a lot of interest, too,” adds Ashley.

Garrett said they talked at length with Barks and Rec, a Brandon-based kennel that opened and closed this year.

“They’ve given us a lot of good insight, so, that’s one of the interests that we’re looking at getting into, seeing what the need is,” Garret said.

As one may expect, doggy daycare is similar to that of a daycare for kids.

“They’re like a kid. They need to burn energy, play and then that way they’re better behaved when they’re at home at night,” Beth said.

VIP suites are essentially a home away from home for pooches.

“A VIP suite is a little home, like literally a home. A couch, rugs, lights, the whole nine yards type of thing,” Garrett said. “Again, we’re trying to gauge the interest of the area and what the need is.”

With the recent closure of Barks and Rec, the Callahans say there continues to be a growing need for dog and cat kennels.

“We saw that over the (Thanksgiving) holidays. It was hard to get into here,” Garrett said. “We know there is a need and we’re really excited about doing this.”

The new ownership group has implemented some changes since taking possession of Happy Dog Hideaway on Nov. 14. The most noticeable is a new software system that has moved bookings online.

“I just recently switched it over to a whole new software system so that everything can be viewed online,” said Ashley, who oversees payment transactions, bookings, etc.

“People can make bookings online now on an app. They can upload their vaccination records, upload pictures. Again, technology is changing and we want to be on

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Young Professional All Time (ages 24-30)	\$700.00	\$595.00
Adult Couple All Time	\$1,350.00	\$1,147.50
Senior Couple All Time	\$1,200.00	\$1,020.00
Young Professional Couple All Time	\$1,000.00	\$850.00
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the up and up,” Garrett said. Beth is tasked with marketing the business, which included a refresh of the logo and website.

“We just wanted to make it easier for customers so they don’t have to call for questions. They can go on our website and see what we all have to offer,” she said.

The new logo features a dog sleeping among the trees.

“It’s just a little hide-away,” Beth said. “We have trees and everything else out here, and I had the idea of putting the dog in the trees and ran with it.”

Griffan and Garrett share maintenance duties and help where needed.

“Moving snow, doing whatever needs fixing up,” Garrett said.

Looking to the future, the partners hope to involve their children in the business. Griffan and Ashley are parents to Flynn and Saylor, and a third child that’s due next month. Garrett and Beth are parents to Kinley, Raelyn and McCoy.

“This is such a great place for our kids to grow up in and be a part of, having a family business, doing chores like helping with the dogs,” Ashley said.

The new owners hope to add more groomers and part-time employees to the staff.

“If anybody is looking to do some grooming, learn, teach, whatever, reach out,” said Garrett. “We’re looking for some part-time help. If anybody is interested in and has experience, give us a call, reach out.”

THE LYNX WAY

Local students on USF Fall Dean’s List
The University of Sioux Falls has released its Fall 2022 Dean’s List. Area students included on the list from Brandon are **Ashley Wells, Elizabeth Kopp, Elizabeth Spaans, Ellie Erickson, Emma DeWitt, Jaycey Jonnes, Julia Kreutner, Lauren Wells, Marita Franco, and Morgan McKellep**; from Valley Springs is **Jeanette Jensen**, from Garrettson are **Elizabeth Olson, Heidi Peterson, Jayden Clark and Joy Fry**; and from Renner is **Kyann Havlovic**.
To qualify, students must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours and earn a term GPA of 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.



Student council members and staff at Brandon Valley High School wrapped up some Christmas joy for local families on Saturday in the BVHS “Hall of Fame” hallway. It’s one of the final steps of the BVHS Angel Tree project that helps make the season a bit brighter for those who need a hand up. More than 600 gifts were wrapped and tagged. Mia Lembcke (at left) and (below) Thomas Risty, Melia Thelen and Kamryn Hunt put the finishing touches on gifts for Angel Tree recipients..

Jill Meier/BV Journal



And, that’s a wrap!

SNOW REMOVAL PROCESS cont. from page 3

all Brandon streets.

“That’s with no blowing,” he said. “That’s just getting it off the street. We go back the next day or two or three and pick up all the piles in the cul-de-sacs so we don’t have drainage issues when it does start to melt.”

The near eight inches of snow that first blanketed the area in early December set the tone for Hoeke and his crew. That was a heavy, wet snow that makes simple operations more difficult.

“When it gets to be that heavy of a snow and it’s super wet, it’s tough to move all that stuff,” he said. “It doesn’t want to roll off the blades right. It does tend to create issues sometimes with bigger chunks of snow at the end of driveways, which we try to pick up.”

But trying to please the public seemed to fall on deaf ears last week. Social media sites exploded with unhappy residents who were looking for a clear passage home.

A large amount of complaints came on Tuesday when the heavy rains fell. The city was forced to switch game plans. Instead of clearing all of the snow that was already on the ground, the city sent out a post notifying residents that the priority went from plowing snow to clearing storm sewers.

“We were trying to make sure all the water got off the streets because they said we could get up to an inch of rain,” Hoeke said. “We were trying to get the rain to the storm sewers so it could drain off the road. Otherwise if it stays on the road and it freezes, it makes it a lot worse.”

Hoeke said they were successful in that endeavor and were able to get most of the storm sewers cleaned out.

Once clearing out the storm sewers were complete, Hoeke and his crew went back to plowing the streets. But by then, Hoeke said, they were met with several unhappy residents.

“I have people who have physically come up to the plow truck and tell me where to put the snow,” he said. “I get comments all the time, ‘everytime you come down here you push snow into my driveway and I already cleaned it.’ I don’t know what to tell them. The best thing you can do is go back out and clean it, or don’t clean your driveway until the plow goes by – and I can’t tell you when that’s going to happen.”

Hoeke said it’s a frustrating situation knowing his crew is working long hours, as early as 5:30 a.m. on Thursday when they salted the primary roads to help with the morning commute.

There are no rotating shifts in Brandon. Hoeke said his crew of 10 doesn’t stop each day until the job is finished.

“If we can get through everything, that takes 12 hours,” he said, “But we may be back at 6 a.m. tomorrow plowing again.”

Although the face-to-face encounters on the streets prove to be disheartening, it’s the negative social media posts that has kept Hoeke off the Internet.

“I am not on Facebook, and I don’t read the City Facebook stuff,” he said. “If I did, I probably wouldn’t be working here anymore.”

In the field, Hoeke said his biggest frustrations are when people put snow back in the street after a city plow has gone by. He said that creates ridges in the street and causes drainage problems later.

He said it happens a lot in Brandon when private citizens have snow plows on the front of trucks that push snow across the street from their property.

“They don’t necessarily even get it off the street,” he said. “Sometimes they leave it right in the curb and gutter which is going to create issues again.”

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Brandon residents featured in TV commercial with Minnesota Viking, C.J. Ham

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

Keep an eye peeled to the TV set in the coming weeks, especially the commercials. A pair of Brandon residents recently acted in a commercial with Minnesota Vikings All-Pro fullback C.J. Ham for South Dakota-based Reliabank. Last year, Reliabank announced their partnership with Ham, an Augustana University graduate.

Ham has appeared in several Reliabank television commercials over the last year. When calls went out through various social media channels for people to be involved in the next round of commercials, Brandon's Jo Hausman and Jeremy Risty jumped at the invitation.

For Risty, it's his second time appearing in a local television commercial. Ten years ago, he appeared in a commercial for Ness Tax & Bookkeeping Service. This time for Reliabank, it was a bit more of a challenge. The commercial Risty is in focuses on agriculture lending. Along with Ham and Risty, a live sheep is involved. Risty plays the farmer, and Ham eventually autographs the sheep with shears. The commercial was filmed at the McCrossan Boys Ranch in north Sioux Falls. "Working with live animals is always a mixed bag," Risty said with a chuckle. "Luckily, McCrossan had handlers on site. They took care of

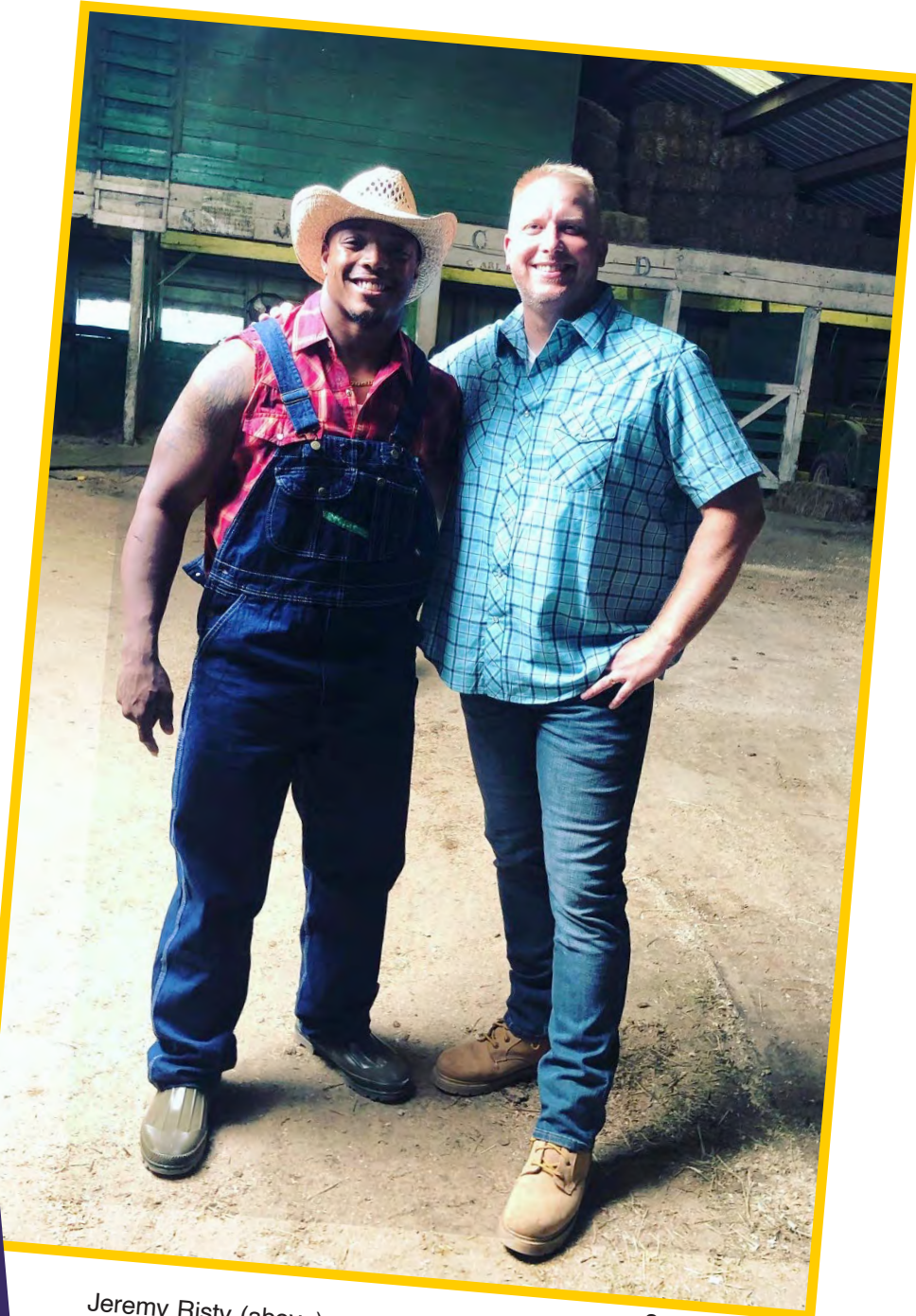


everything, including the shearing." It was the end of a long day for Ham. It was his third commercial of the day, but Risty said the Vikings fullback was still giving of his time to everyone, including the kids at

said. "One kid took off his shoes and had him sign. He was a good guy. He was tired, but very nice, very kind." One of those three commercials Ham was featured in throughout the day was for a ribbon cutting. Hausman was also in that commercial, holding the ribbon, and clapping at the end. Hausman said she's put her name in the running for other local commercials, but this was the first time she'd gotten the call. She also didn't know Ham was going to be involved. Even better, she didn't even know who he was. "I'm a Vikings fan, but I had no idea," she said. "I interacted with him at the



end. He was just the nicest and gracious young man." Hausman said she hasn't missed a Vikings game on the television since meeting Ham. Ham even scored a



Submitted photos
Jeremy Risty (above) and Jo Hausman (below) both scored roles in television commercials for Reliabank featuring Minnesota Viking C.J. Ham. Ham played college ball at Augustana University.

touchdown this year for the Vikings in a 33-30 win at Buffalo on Nov. 13. "There's C.J.," Hausman said she yelled when he scored. "I was so excited. The commercial was a lot of fun. I'd do it again, absolutely."

Risty agreed that it was fun. He took it a step further and said he's applied it to his everyday life as a history teacher at Brandon Valley High School. "One of my buddies who was my mentor when I was a young teacher, said 'good teaching – especially

"One of my buddies who was my mentor when I was a young teacher, said 'good teaching – especially good history teaching – is about 90 percent theater anyway,'" he said. "So, to a certain extent, I kinda feel like sometimes I'm acting in front of an audience almost every day being a teacher."

- Jeremy Risty
Brandon resident in C.J.Ham TV commercial

good history teaching – is about 90 percent theater anyway," he said. "So, to a certain extent, I kinda feel like sometimes I'm acting in front of an audience almost every day being a teacher." Although now in the professional ranks, Ham has continued to stay involved locally through Reliabank. In 2021, he helped raise

funds during the friendly "Turf Wars" competition with former Vikings linebacker, Chad Greenway, in an effort to raise funds for a new football turf at Kirkeby-Over stadium at Augustana. Reliabank donated \$10,000 to the campaign. The turf was installed in July, 2021.

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The Valley Springs Community Club hosted yet another kid-centric event with their annual Santa Claus Day on Saturday. (Above, left) Vanessa Jacobs came decked out in an elf costume. (Above) Leo shares a laugh with Santa Claus. (At left) Angela Danielson and her sons, Matthew and Luke, draw adult names out of a bucket to win a turkey.



Although she was excited to see Santa Claus while waiting in line, Kiayah McKinney (above, left) wasn't so happy when her mom, Kelsey, attempted to place her on his lap. Caroline Wright (above, right) shares her Christmas wish list with the jolly old elf. For more photos from the day, visit the photo gallery at brandonvalleyjournal.com.



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Sports

More than 80 BV lifters compete at Lynx Powerlifting Invite

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

It's not often, if ever, where a competitor comes to Brandon Valley High School and cheers on the Lynx.

But powerlifting is a unique sport.

Saturday at the Brandon Valley Powerlifting Invitational, the Lynx welcomed lifters from Sioux Falls Washington and Dell Rapids.

Throughout the day, athletes from all three schools cheered each other on as they attempted to move weights in the squat, bench and deadlift events.

The Invite was one of three meets for the BV powerlifting team. Powerlifting is not a sanctioned sport by the South Dakota High School Activities Association, but that hasn't put a damper on participation numbers.

BV, Washington and Sioux Falls O'Gorman all have more than 100 athletes in their program.

A state powerlifting tournament is scheduled for March 11 at Washington. In order to be eligible for that meet, every competitor around the state has to compete in at least one meet during the season.

That was a major goal for BV coach Adam Bobzien when it came to Saturday's Invite at the BV gym. With 150 athletes in the program, Bobzien said it was his hope to get everyone qualified for March's state tournament.



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Mia Taylor uses her strength in the deadlift of Saturday's Brandon Valley Powerlifting Invitational, which is just one of three competitions the Lynx lifters have on their 2022-23 schedule. (At right) Andrew Bunkers uses his power in the deadlift.



Considering hectic December schedules, BV had a solid number of participants. Bobzien said there were between 80-90 Lynx lifters participating at the Invite.

"Those kids are now eligible to go to state," he said. "We'll deter-

mine our roster as the year goes on and we have to try and fill our weight classes with the best from each weight class."

Bobzien said he told his crew of 150 that Saturday was the one chance he could guarantee that they'd get to perform this season.

Their second, and last, regular season meet of the year is at McCook Central on Jan. 14, but Bobzien said only 25-30 Brandon Valley athletes will be able to make the trip.

"Some were willing to take that risk and understand that they might just be lifting for four

months," Bobzien said. "Some of them aren't bothered by that at all."

As a club sport, there are clearly some relaxed commitments and rules. The entire season lasts four months, and Bobzien said some athletes in BV are involved for

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BV ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

NATE VANDEBERG
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Nate VanDeBerg brings a solid work ethic in all that he does.

For starters, the Brandon Valley High School senior made some big contributions on the grid iron this past season. His 11 sacks in the 2022 football season is the fourth all-time in Lynx history in a single season, and even more impressive, he's sixth all-time in South Dakota 11AAA football. To go along with 11 sacks, Nate had 53 tackles, forced a fumble, recovered a fumble, recorded a safety and blocked a field goal to preserve the win in the closing seconds.

"He was a major difference maker on our team," Christensen said. "Highly athletic and tough, Nathan was well-known to all our opponents."

VanDeBerg is also a "difference maker" for the Lynx on the hardwood, and it's his passion for that sport that has him interested in continuing to play the game at the NAIA level. As of now, he has offers from both Northwestern and Dordt to play both football and basketball.

"I had a really good football season this year, but I've always enjoyed basketball more," said Nate, who plans to major in engineering.

He considers wearing BV's red and black as an honor.

"Our town has one high school and everyone rallies around us, and it's fun to see the town support us," he said. "It feels like a brotherhood. Everyone gets along and everyone enjoys achieving the same goal."

Besides hoops and football, Nate is involved with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, orchestra and joined the track and field program as a junior for the first time. In the summer time, the son of Paul and Tammy VanDeBerg, worked in the construction trade.



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Sports

Frantic 4th quarter run falls short for BV boys at SF Roosevelt

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

Between the third and fourth quarter at Saturday's Brandon Valley at Sioux Falls Roosevelt boys basketball game, the public address announcer let the crowd know that the Minnesota Vikings had just completed the biggest comeback in NFL history.

Perhaps the BV players heard it. Maybe not, but they nearly put together a comeback for the ages as well.

Trailing 55-34 to start the fourth quarter, the Lynx erased the 21-point deficit and cut it to three in the waning moments on a Landon Dulaney layup. A Rough Rider free throw with six seconds remaining cut the comeback short as Roosevelt hung on for a 63-59 win.

The Lynx outscored Roosevelt 25-8 in the final frame. The combination of a suffocating full court press, along with some big shots down the stretch, continually closed the gap.

Cole Dekker's put back with 1:15 to play cut it to 62-53. It was the first time since the first quarter BV had been within single digits.

"We could have rolled over and died and gotten beat by 30, but they showed some toughness to really fight," said BV head coach Craig Nelson. "I'm proud of them for making that run in

the second half." But clearly the Lynx put themselves in a difficult situation through three quarters.

Of BV's 13 turnovers, eight came in the second quarter where the Rough Riders blew it open. The Lynx actually led 7-3 to start the game, but from that point, Roosevelt went on a 35-12 run and led 38-19 at the break.

"We were terrible. We were throwing the ball to the wrong team and playing panicky. We weren't executing any-

thing well," Nelson said. "We need to take care of the ball better against ball pressure. We can't be tentative. They got us to turn the ball over a lot."

While the Lynx were having a difficult time with Roosevelt's pressure through three quarters, the Riders (2-1) were drilling 3-pointers to extend the lead. Roosevelt finished with 21 made baskets for the game, 11 of those were from deep. Abraham Kamara, Garang Kuol and Jackson Brouwer had three 3-pointers each.



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Sophomore Landon Dulaney scored 14 points in a 63-59 loss at Sioux Falls Roosevelt on Dec. 17. (At left) Nate VanDeBerg led Brandon Valley in scoring with 16 points against the Rough Riders.

However, in the fourth while BV was making their hectic run, the Riders had just one two-point field goal and were 6-for-8 from the free throw line for the quar-

ter. Nate VanDeBerg led the Lynx in scoring with 16. Dylan Langerock finished with 14 and Lukas Morgan

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Sports

Lynx dominate trio of Sioux Falls teams at home quad

Jill Meier
Journal editor

From the outcome of three duals that were wrestled on the Lynx mats on Dec. 13, it's clear that Brandon Valley is on top of their game. The Lynx boys outscored their three opponents – O’Gorman, Sioux Falls Lincoln and Jefferson – by a combined 194-43. BV’s biggest threat came from second-year Jefferson, which still resulted in a Lynx victory at 49-25.

With illness filtering through BV’s wrestlers the last few weeks, head coach Derek Outland said that brought some new Lynx talent to the mat.

“We have been fighting sickness going through the team the last couple weeks. As a result, we had some backups get the chance to step into the varsity lineup and compete,” he said. “We also had some varsity guys who were fighting through sickness compete, despite not feeling well so they could help the team.”

Although pleased with the trio of team dual victories – “I was happy with the effort of all our athletes on the night – Outland said one match caught his attention. BV eighth-grader Brendon Oehme, who won two out of three matches, went up against a formidable opponent in Jefferson’s Aidan Wells, a sophomore. Despite Oehme came out on



A wide-eyed Elijah Schunke, who wrestles at 170 for the Brandon Valley Lynx, won two of this three matches at last week's home quadrangular with Sioux Falls O’Gorman, Lincoln and Jefferson. BV dominated all three teams, racking up 194 combined points to their opponents’ total 43 points combined. (Below left) Until Navarro Schunke’s return, Ethan Schleicher is filling the 285-pound weight class for the Lynx. He pinned O’G’s Daniel Vazquez. (Below right) Eighth-grader Brendon Oehme shouldered O’G’s Easton Scheidt in 1:13.



the downside of the 4-2 outcome that was decided in overtime, Outland said the 106-pounder wrestled a great match.

“He was incredibly close to scoring the winning take-down a couple of times before falling in overtime,” Outland said. “Unfortunately, we lost what I thought of as the big of the night.”

There was also another exciting moment for the Oehme and BV wrestling family that night, as Lynx senior Trason Oehme’s 100th prep career win was recognized. He was celebrated with a bouquet of shiny gold balloons and a poster decorated with twinkling lights. Oehme, who is filling the 145-pound slot this season for the Lynx, has been on of BV’s top competitors the last four years.

“He’s had to work his way through some significant injuries that limited his match count, otherwise he would have had this earlier,” Outland said. “We’re proud of his success.”

Last week, Oehme added three more victories to his resume, two of which came by way of forfeit. In the one match he did wrestle, he spent very little time on the mat against Owen LeMeier of Sioux Falls Lincoln, shouldering him in a mere 40 seconds.

Seven BV Lynx also put up 3-0 records on the night. Trevon Oehme (113) posted

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Sports

Freshman Kellenberger scores a dozen points to lead Lady Lynx to first win of 2022-23 season

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

The Brandon Valley girls opened the season with a juggernaut of a schedule with the top two teams in Class AA welcoming them into the 2022-23 season.

After losing their season-opener to top-ranked Sioux Falls O’Gorman on Dec. 8, the Lynx paid a visit to No. 2 Sioux Falls Jefferson just five days later. Both were losses for BV, but they got things on track Monday night playing host to Sioux Falls Roosevelt.

Monday’s game was a makeup date after the game against the Riders was canceled last week due to inclement weather. Perhaps the extra days off gave BV time to prepare defensively for Roosevelt because they were suffocating on Monday in a 49-44 victory.

Granted, the Riders have struggled this year scoring by averaging just 24.0 points per game. But still, BV’s defensive effort was heavy all night.

“If we can hold teams under 50, we’re going to give ourselves a shot every night to be really competitive,” head coach Mike Zerr said. “We didn’t shoot it great tonight and you still have an opportunity to win the game because of how hard you play and how competitive you are on the defensive end of the ball.”

BV led wire-to-wire over Roosevelt and built the lead to as many as 13 in the first quarter when freshman Ava Kellenberger hit a 3-pointer for a 21-8 lead. Kellenberger led the Lynx with 12 points.

The lead ballooned to 16 when Rylee Scholtman scored in the second quarter. But while Roosevelt was struggling to score, BV was unable to land a knockout punch.

Scholtman’s basket was one of the few highlights in the second quarter, as the Lynx managed just seven points in the quarter and led 28-19 at the break.

They also led by eight entering the fourth quarter before the Riders made things interesting. Roosevelt got it to within two in the final minute when the Lynx hit free throws to hang on for the five-point win.

It was a much-needed win for the Lynx after being ranked No. 5 in the Class AA preseason media poll. But an 0-2 start with



Tom A. Savage/BV Journal

Rylee Schlotman (above brings the ball downcourt during play Monday night against the Roosevelt Rough Riders. Hilary Behrens (below) drives around her SFR defenders.

the losses to O’Gorman and Jefferson knocked them out of the top 5.

“It’s a great test to figure out where we’re at,” Zerr said following the Jefferson loss last week. “They’re going to show you things you need to work on more than anybody else is. Playing the top two ranked teams off the bat, that’s actually great for us.”

The Lynx had their hands full with Jefferson all night in a 47-38 loss. But the 47 points scored by the Cavs ties a season low. Jaidyn Dunn, a 6-foot-1 South Dakota State University commit was held to single digit scoring. Credit that to a strong defensive



effort from junior Paisley Hoff, who blanketed Dunn all night.

“She did a phenomenal job getting that assignment and doing it without fouling,” Zerr said of Hoff’s effort against Dunn.

“She’s just a heady, smart player for us and has become the leader on that end of the floor – talking wise and making sure we’re doing the right things.”

But again, while the Lynx were playing decent defense, they were unable to take advantage.

Trailing 27-23 at halftime, the Lynx managed just two points in the third quarter and the Cavs were never threatened the rest of the way.

“Obviously there are some things to work on offensively – to get our players where they need to be, the touches they need,” Zerr said. “Once we get into the half court, we just need to be more efficient, and that comes with chemistry, and time, and us as coaches getting them organized to be their best, too.”

The Lynx are scheduled to host Class A Tea Area at 5:30 p.m. Thursday and take on Minnesota-based Providence Academy at 2:30 p.m. at the Sanford Pentagon on Thursday, Dec. 29.

Thursday, Dec. 13 BRANDON VALLEY (0-2)

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Brandon Valley 13-10-2-13 38
SF Jefferson 14-13-11-9 47

3-point goals – BV 2 (Deckert 2). **Rebounds** – BV 31 (Padgett 8). **Assists** – BV 8 (Hoff 3). **Blocked Shots** – BV 0. **Steals** – BV 5 (Padgett 2). **Turnovers** – BV 15. **Total fouls** – BV 16. **Fouled Out** – none.

Monday, Dec. 19 BRANDON VALLEY (1-2)

Jaida Metzger 4 1-3 10, Kennedi Deckert 2 1-2 7, Addie Hunsaid, 0 0-0 0, Madison Geiver 1 1-2 3, Ava Kellenberger 5 0-4 12, Paisley Hoff 2 0-2 4, Hilary Behrens 3 4-5 10, Alyvia Padgett 0 0-0 0, Rylee Schlotman 1 1-3 3. **Totals:** 18 8-21 49.

SF Roosevelt 8-11-7-18 44
Brandon Valley 21-7-6-15 49

3-point goals – BV 5 (Kellenberger, Deckert 2). **Rebounds** – BV 39 (Geiver 9). **Assists** – BV 13 (Metzger 4). **Blocked Shots** – BV 2 (Kellenberger 2). **Steals** – BV 4 (Behrens 2). **Turnovers** – BV 8. **Total fouls** – BV 21. **Fouled Out** – Padgett.

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reasons other than competitions.

"They have other goals, which is fantastic," he said. "I'm glad they're out for powerlifting so they can improve in soccer, or volleyball, or football, or whatever. If they want to use powerlifting as a vehicle to get better at their sport, I'm perfectly OK with that."

While competitors were lifting and cheering each other on at the Invite on Saturday, the grandstands were filled as well. Parents, grandparents, fellow students and past powerlifters all took it in.

"I'm always amazed at the support and the number of people that show up. We had a great crowd," Bobzien said. "Some of the past powerlifters in our program came to help out, and others are just there to watch and relive all that stuff."

Along with the participants and fans, Bobzien said the support from coaches and volunteers was overwhelming.

"There is no way we can host a meet without the people who volunteer their time," he said. "The entire day went really well. It was a smoothly run meet, and it's nice to have such great volunteers

and coaches that are willing to help out."

Although team scores are only kept at the state meet, there were 12 BV lifters who won individual titles in their weight class on Saturday.

Brandon Valley first place finishes at Lynx Powerlifting Invitational

Girls 2: Gladys Portillo - Squat 95; Bench 75; Deadlift 135; Total 305.

Girls 5: Olivia Green - Squat 70; Bench 45; Deadlift 120; Total 235.

Girls 7: Mary Kolbeck - Squat 225; Bench 95; Deadlift 260; Total 580.

Girls 10: Janessa Huisman - Squat 235; Bench 115; Deadlift 265; Total 615.

Girls 11: Teya Badger - Squat 165; Bench 115; Deadlift 240; Total 520.

Boys 123.4: Blake Engelman - Squat 160; Bench 100; Deadlift 190; Total 450.

Boys 132.2: Matthew Voss - Squat 150; Bench 100; Deadlift 235; Total 485.

Boys 148.8: Kaidan Ilchuck - Squat 275; Bench 165; Deadlift 350; Total 790.

Boys 165.3: Kellen Olson - Squat 415; Bench 225; Deadlift 445; Total 1,085.

Boys 198.4: Brandon Wheeler - Squat 415; Bench 185; Deadlift 375; Total 975.

Boys 242.5: Ethan Knopf - Squat 395; Bench 285; Deadlift 575; Total 1,255.

Boys 275.5: Truman Vail - Squat 340; Bench 235; Deadlift 405; Total 980.



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Daniel Moose (above) competed in the bench press at Saturday's Lynx Powerlifting Invitational. (Below left) Janessa Huisman and (below right) Phin Lawrence compete in the deadlift.



LYNX PAWS

SD Media High School Basketball Polls

Class AA Boys

1. SF Jefferson (14) 1-0 74 1
 2. SF Lincoln (1) 2-0 58 2
 3. Pierre 2-0 43 3
 4. Yankton 1-0 22 4
 5. SF Roosevelt 2-1 18 RV
- Receiving votes:** Mitchell 4, SF Washington 3, Harrisburg 2, Brandon Valley 1.

Class AA Girls

1. SF O'Gorman (15) 2-0 75 1
 2. SF Jefferson 3-0 56 2
 3. SF Washington 1-0 49 3
 4. Pierre 2-0 26 4
 5. Harrisburg 2-0 14 RV
- Receiving votes:** Brandon Valley 3, Rapid City Stevens 2.

Pucks & Ponytails returns

Brandon Valley Hockey Association has brought back Pucks & Ponytails, which is geared for female skaters. The program is from 10-11 a.m. Saturdays on the BVHA's outdoor rink at Aspen Park. To learn more, visit brandonvalleyhockey.com.

Open skate at the rink is also scheduled from 8-9 p.m. Fridays.

Ladies, Geriatric hockey leagues are Wednesday nights

Brandon Valley Hockey Association has a Ladies League from 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the McHardy Park outdoor rink, followed by the Geriatric Hockey League from 8-10 p.m. at the McHardy Park outdoor rink. The leagues are open to all levels of skaters/players.

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had nine. Morgan had 21 to lead the Lynx in scoring in their opener against Sioux Falls O'Gorman.

"I really think any of our five starters can score a lot," said the 6-foot-7 Morgan. "But I feel like a lot of times I come out with a mismatch so it's a little easier for me to get those baskets."

Morgan scored five of his nine points in the final quarter.

"Obviously you always hope as a competitor that you're going to win. So, it was just hoping they would miss some free throws and we could get something going," Morgan said about the lead being cut to three. "We turned up the energy. We tried to match what they were doing."

The Lynx (1-1) now get a break until after Christmas. They'll play Houston, Tenn., at the Hoop City Classic at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls on Dec. 29 before head-

ing to Watertown on Jan. 3. BV is home on Jan. 6 when they host Brookings. It will be the first home game of the season for the Lynx after weather canceled their game against Sioux Falls Jefferson on Dec. 15.

Saturday, Dec. 17

BRANDON VALLEY (1-1)

Landon Dulaney 3 0-1 6, Dylan Langerock 6 1-5 14, Cole Dekker 2 1-2 5, Lukas Morgan 4 1-2 9, Jameson Kreutzfeldt 2 0-0 5, Nate VanDeBerg 7 1-1 17, Josh Olthoff 1 2-4 4. **Totals:** 23 6-16 59.

Brandon Valley

SF Roosevelt

11-8-15-25 59

19-19-17-8 63

3-point goals – BV 3 (Langerock, Kreutzfeldt, VanDeBerg). **Rebounds** – SFR 20, BV 29 (Dulaney 8). **Assists** – SFR 8, BV 10 (Dulaney 5). **Blocked Shots** – SFR 3, BV 3 (Olthoff 2). **Steals** – SFR 11, BV 8 (Dulaney, Langerock 3). **Turnovers** – SFR 16, BV 13. **Total fouls** – BV 13. **Fouled Out** – none.



Tom A. Savage/BV Journal

The Lynx student section erupts following a Nate VanDeBerg 3-point basket during Brandon Valley's big fourth quarter at Sioux Falls Roosevelt on Dec. 17.

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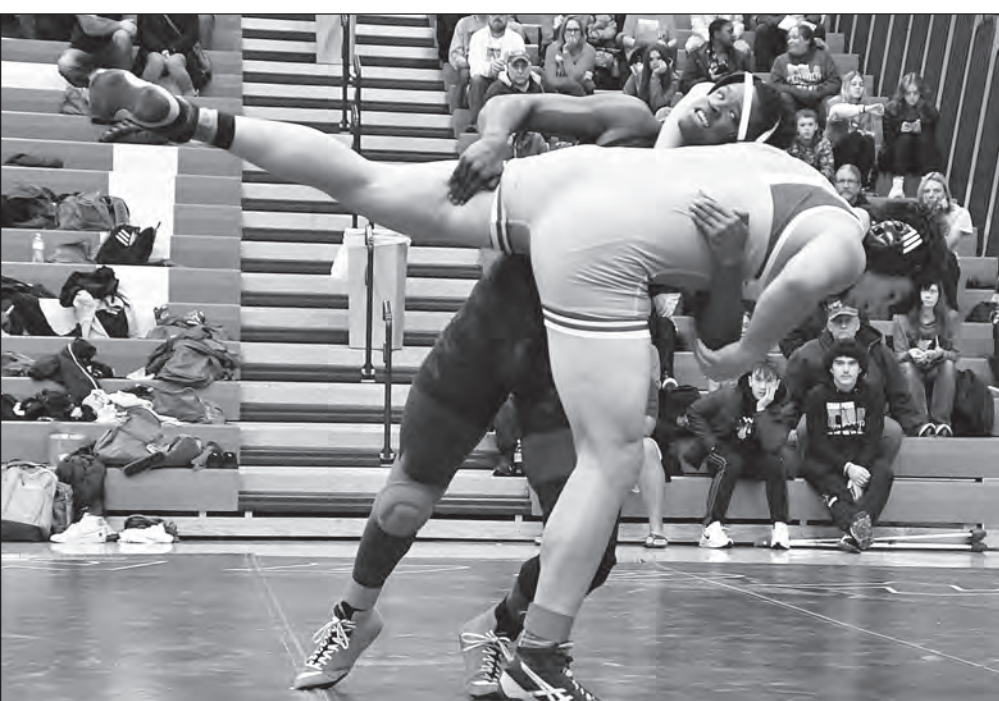


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Brandon Valley's Delvoun Spears-Witte (220 pounds) used his power to take O'Gorman's David Vazquez off of his feet. Spears-Witte won the 13-9 decision.

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a major decision and had two forfeits; Jesse Johnson (120) registered a pair of pins and had one forfeit; Jordon Oehme (132) issued two pins and had a forfeit; Levi Veskna (152) had two pins and a forfeit; both Lucas Slack (182) and Noah Bailous (195) recorded a trio of pins on the night; and Delvoun Spears-Witte (220) won matches by decision, pin and technical fall.

Due to last weekend's inclement weather, the Lynx were unable to make the trip to what Outland deemed "the team's toughest competition of the season" to the Minnesota Christmas Tournament in Rochester.

The Lynx are now on break until Thursday, Dec. 29 when they compete in the Floyd Farrand Invitational at Sioux Falls Lincoln. The day-long tournament gets underway at 9 a.m. BV returns to the home mats on Saturday, Jan. 7 when they host the Lynx/Dan Pansch Wrestling Invitational, all tagged for a 9 a.m. start.

BV Quadrangular BV 63, O'G 18

152: Levi Veskna (BV) p. Tyler Oines, 2:09; **160:** Keenan Sheridan (O'G) Christopher Joseph, 0:47; **170:** Aidan Kenable (O'G) p. Elijah Schunke, 1:31; **182:** Lucas Slack (BV) p. Rip Siemonsma, 0:40; **195:** Noah Bailous (BV) p. Mason Harris, 0:58; **220:** Delvoun Spears-Witte (BV) dec. David Vazquez, 13-9; **285:** Ethan Schleicher (BV) p. Daniel Vazquez, 0:22; **106:** Brendon Oehme (BV) p. Easton Scheidt, 1:13; **113:** Trevon Oehme (BV) wins

by forfeit; **120:** Jesse Johnson (BV) wins by forfeit; **126:** Jonah Crow (O'G) p. Garrett VanDusen, 4:37; **132:** Jordon Oehme (BV) p. Holden Hight, 1:44; **138:** Jack Nelson (BV) wins by forfeit; **145:** Trason Oehme (BV) wins by forfeit.

BV 82, SFL 0

160: C. Joseph (BV) wins by forfeit; **170:** E. Schunke (BV) p. Joseph Tunge, 1:03; **182:** L. Slack (BV) p. Tate Selwyn, 0:36; **195:** N. Bailous (BV) p. Kishmar Eberline, 3:29; **220:** D. Spears-Witte (BV) p. Brady Kwiecinski, 2:32; **285:** E. Schleicher (BV) p. Braden Petersen, 0:48; **106:** B. Oehme (BV) p. Josiah Kauffman, 1:47; **113:** Trev. Oehme (BV) md. Hudson Cisar, 12-3; **120:** J. Johnson (BV) p. Turner Gordon, 0:43; **126:** G. VanDusen (BV) wins by forfeit; **132:** J. Oehme (BV) p. Bentley Williams, 4:41; **138:** J. Nelson (BV) wins by forfeit; **145:** Tras. Oehme (BV) p. Owen LeMeier, 0:40; **152:** L. Veskna (BV) p. Greyson Deelstra, 1:21.

BV 49, SFJ 25

170: E. Schunke (BV) tf. Judah Larson, 17-2 (4:33); **180:** L. Slack (BV) p. Gordien Nzeyimana, 1:05; **195:** N. Bailous (BV) p. Landon VanRoekel, 1:06; **220:** D. Spears-Witte (BV) tf. Landon Duran, 16-1 (0:31); **285:** Antuan Duran (SFJ) p. E. Schleicher, 1:17; **106:** Aidan Wells (SFJ) dec. B. Oehme, 4-2 OT; **113:** Trev. Oehme (BV) wins by forfeit; **120:** J. Johnson (BV) p. Derek Ranschau, 2)01; **126:** Graham Wilde (SFJ) p. G. Vandusen, 2:00; **132:** J. Oehme (BV) win by forfeit; **145:** Tras. Oehme (BV) p. Austin Osborn, 1:21; **152:** L. Veskna (BV) dec. Nolan Jensen, 4-0; **160:** Benjamin Neilan (SFJ) p. C. Joseph, 0:39.



Brandon Valley senior Jordon Oehme (132 pounds) wraps up O'Gorman's Holden Hight, who he pinned in 1:44. Oehme won all three of his matches, two by pin and one by forfeit.

DOT: Illegally dumped snow causes safety issues

Staff report

PIERRE - The South Dakota Department of Transportation reminds the public and commercial snow removal operators that it is illegal to place or dump excess snow on highway right-of-way, which includes driving surfaces, shoulders, and ditches.

"The recent snowstorm across South Dakota this past week has deposited a large amount of snow in some areas," said Craig Smith, director of operations. "The space within the right-of-way needs to be reserved for future snow that may fall on the road. If the Department's plow operators do not have a

place to put that snow, it severely hampers their ability to clear roadways."

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

"Piling snow in the state highway right-of-way can be very dangerous," said Smith. "Snow piles can restrict sight distance, as well as present an extreme hazard if a ve-

hicle leaves the roadway. Snow piles that remain adjacent to the road may cause additional drifting and visibility problems posing more safety hazards to travelers, as well as additional expenses for manpower and equipment to remove the illegally dumped snow."

Property owners and access users are reminded it is their responsibility to remove snow from the ends of driveways and around their own mailboxes.

The Department asks landowners and commercial snow-removal operators to keep excess snow on private property or haul it to legal dumping sites.

DOH Secretary Joan Adam announces retirement

South Dakota Department of Health Secretary Joan Adam announced her retirement on Monday.

"My time with the Department of Health has been very rewarding. The dedi-

cation of the Department's employees is impressive and will continue to serve the state well. I am looking forward to focusing on family and personal commitments," said Adam.

Adam and her husband Karl live in Pierre, where they have raised their five children. Their family also includes a son-in-law, daughter-in-law, and one grandson.

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knowledge of that," he said.

Instead of putting a limit of tabling an item for 30 days – after which the tabled item essentially "dies" – Read suggested extending it to 45 days, more so for meeting date purposes.

Marso will provide the council with an ordinance that reflects the changes to tabling agenda items at the council's Jan. 3 meeting.

And with that, Mayor Harry Buck instigated a few snickers from his council peers, "So, we'll table this until the next meeting."

At the council's Dec. 5 meeting, it was noted that the city should consider additional infrastructure studies to make the city will be positioned for future growth.

In response to that discussion, City Administrator Bryan Read compiled a list of studies the city has had done since 2013, and asked the council if there are any other studies that are warranted at this time. Following is the list of studies by year, and those on tap for 2023:

- 2013: Comprehensive Water Study (Sioux Falls Forceman, Eastside Trunk Design, Westside Trunk Design)
- 2015: Water & Wastewater Study.
- 2018: WSP Water Supply Evaluation Study; Park/Maple Street Corridor Study; Bethany Drainage Study; Splash Pad Study;

Holly Wetland Determination.

- 2019: Water Model Created; Aspen Park Master Plan; Stormwater/Drainage Study; Satellite Leak Detection; Sewer Main Force Analysis; Water Rate Study; City Hall and Public Works Needs Study; Bridge Inspection; Water Supply Evaluation.

- 2020: Water Treatment Plant Facility Plan; Splitrock Creek Aquifer Study; Water Rights Coordination; Golf Course Master Plan.

- 2021: Annexation Study; SD 11 Corridor Study; Stormwater Utility Study.

- 2022: Bike and Pedestrian Plan

- 2023: Transportation Plan; Southeast Collection System; Rice/Holly Boulevard Corridor Study; Bethany Wetland Bank.

In other business, the City Council:

- Unanimously approved the job description for a new position, assistant golf course superintendent. Read said staff would like to begin the search immediately.

- Approved the purchase of a 3-point boom mower for the parks department for \$32,293 from RDO Equipment. Devin Coughlin, park superintendent, said he has enough money left in his equipment budget to cover the cost.

- Adjourned until 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023.

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MINNEHAHA COUNTY

MINUTES

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENED AT 9:00 AM on December 12, 2022, pursuant to adjournment on December 6, 2022. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE: Barth, Bender, Beninga, Heiberger, and Karsky. Also present was Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder.

W.H. Lyons Fairgrounds Taskforce members present were: Amy Pokela, Erik Nyberg, Heidi Zwinger, Jeff Eckhoff, Jon Carroll, Michael Jamison, Robert Thimjon, and Sylvia Wolters. The following Taskforce members were present via electronic means: Adam Kniffen and Chad Biegler.

BRIEFING

Charles D. Smith and Joel Feldman were in attendance to present the W.H. Lyons Taskforce Market and Economic Analysis Report. The following study components were used in the development of the market and economic analysis report: W.H. Lyon Historical Analysis, Local Market Analysis, Comparable Facilities Analysis, Industry Trends & Characteristics, Market Demand Research, Supportable Program, and Cost/Benefit Analysis. Discussion was held on various items including: finances, demographics, and on event venue and facility alignment and trends for fairgrounds and entertainment arena event facilities, as well as information on the survey results of current/past/future users of the facility. The proposed development recommendations include the construction of a new 50,000 square foot multipurpose event space, a new 100,000 square foot multipurpose exhibit space that will be attached to the multipurpose event space, as well as a potential outdoor grandstand/amphitheater. The estimated costs for construction were shared along with the various impact the facility would have on both utilization of the facility and the financial impact on the fairgrounds and the greater community. Finally, the presentation highlighted the following benefits of investment of the W.H. Lyons fairgrounds: the potential transformative and iconic effects; quality of life for residents; new visitation opportunities; spin-off development; anchor for revitalization; and other intangible benefits. A brief discussion on the various types of typical industry funding sources was held. The next steps in reviewing the presented information was briefly discussed.

Commissioner Bender left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Barth, to adjourn. 4 ayes.

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Cindy Heiberger, Chair

ATTEST: Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder

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BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Brandon Valley Board of Education, Brandon, SD was held at 6:30 p.m. on the 12th of December 2022 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,

Middle School Principal Amanda Nelson, Assistant Middle School Principal Adam Rothenberger, Intermediate School Principal Nick Skibsted, Assistant Intermediate School Principal Rick Pearson, Brandon Elementary Principal Merle Horst, Valley Springs Elementary Principal Mary Mudder, Special Services Director Wendy Otheim, and Operations Director Ty Hentschel.

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

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

Motion by Ode, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes of the board of education regular meetings of November 14, 2022 and November 28, 2022 as presented. Motion carried.

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

The cash report for the month of November, 2022 showed receipts of \$11,458,784.34 and disbursements of \$5,353,811.04 leaving a balance of \$17,848,936.75. The General Fund had receipts of \$5,707,769.86, and disbursements of \$3,625,363.97, leaving a balance of \$9,420,770.24. Capital Outlay Fund had receipts of \$2,963,850.15, and disbursements of \$872,834.13, leaving a balance of \$4,973,235.57. Special Education Fund had receipts of \$1,726,609.09, and disbursements of \$850,916.95 leaving a balance of \$1,765,617.12. Bond Redemption Fund had receipts of \$1,060,555.24, and disbursements of \$660.00, leaving a balance of \$1,674,332.29. Lastly, the Enterprise Fund had receipts of \$0.00 and disbursements of \$4,035.99, leaving a balance of \$14,981.53.

The November, 2022 payroll totaled \$3,005,472.25 which \$1,634,249.67 was instructional, \$643,844.34 was support services, \$49,960.96 was co-curricular, \$533,524.83 was Special Education, \$140,292.45 was Food Service, and \$3,600.00 was Driver's Education.

Motion by Saxer, seconded by Bell to approve the financial reports as presented for the month of November, 2022. Motion carried.

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

Our negative Child Nutrition student lunch account fund is at approximately \$2,600 and Superintendent Larson attributes the low balance to a very defined process in the way in which we communicate to families in terms of what their account balance is and then also what our process is when they reach a certain threshold. Our thanks to Operations Manager Ty Hentschel and Child Nutrition Director Andrea Kruse for maintaining this process, communicating the process in a timely manner, along with the utilization of Charitable Needs Funds to alleviate the student lunch account debt when necessary.

The 2023-24 Academic Calendar - Development is in progress as follows: 1) Corresponding "draft" calendar developed; 2) Classified Council, Teacher Liaison Council and Administrative Council review; 3) Calendar presentation ~ tentatively scheduled for January 9, 2023; and 4) Calendar Adoption ~ tentatively scheduled for January 23, 2023.

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 Brandon Valley School District Legislative Breakfast was recently postponed due to inclement weather. This Breakfast has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2023 @ 7:30 a.m. in the BVHS Community Room.

The Superintendent Evaluation process will take place in February with the following timeline: February 13, 2023 - Distribute 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 begins with 5-Year plan completion by Administration in December, 2022, followed by budget forms/documents distributed early January, 2023. The Business Office will compile and review budget forms in March 2023. In February 2023, we will present the 5-year plan. In March 2023, we will approve new staffing positions and 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.

The 2022-23 School Calendar items include the following: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 ~ two-hour early dismissal; Thursday, December 22, 2022 through Monday, January 2, 2023 ~ No school - Winter Break; Monday, January 16, 2023 ~ No school (teacher workshop/in-service); and February 17-20, 2023 ~ No School - President's Day Weekend.

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>. There is a scheduled BVHS Utility Interruption that is also outlined by clicking on this web-site as well.

Lastly, Superintendent Larson reviewed the general decision-making process behind weather-related school closings. Larson stated that, as a staff, we begin by evaluating the weather forecast with the media keeping us abreast of any incoming inclement weather. Larson, along with other administrators, transportation, and buildings and grounds employees travel roads, review the national weather service calls and briefings, and communicate with area administrators for other input. Larson describes this process as both an Art and a Science. Obviously, Meteorology is the Science, and the Art is making the decision that is best for the school district as a whole and communicating that decision as best we

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can. We take these most interesting weather days at a half day at a time, making the decisions closest to the event(s) that we have before us. We have had very dynamic and complex weather events as of late, with just one degree (temperature-wise) up or down making an impact on our decision. Ultimately, it is the right and privilege of the parents/guardians to make the best decision for their individual student(s) on any given day, regardless of what the school district decision was made for that day. Parents should know that any absences will be excused in a weather-related parental decision to keep their student(s) home.

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

1. Accept the bid from Waste Management for Garbage Service for the Brandon Valley School District for \$7,987.00/month, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 (36 months), as presented.
2. Approve 2022-23 Title I Comparability Report, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Saxer, seconded by Ode to approve the following personnel items:

1. Approve request for leave without pay for Sydnie Buchheim, BVIS Special Education Educational Assistant, effective January 19-25, 2023 (5 days).
2. Approve resignation from Katee Lane, Head Competitive Cheer Advisor, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year, contingent upon finding a suitable replacement.
3. Approve resignation from Elizabeth VanDyke, Inspiration Elementary part-time Child Nutrition worker, effective December 21, 2022.
4. Approve recommendation to hire Marie Vest, Inspiration Elementary part-time Child Nutrition worker, \$16.20/hour, effective January 3, 2023.
5. Approve resignation from Samantha Scott, BE Special Education Teacher, effective December 16, 2022, to include liquidated damages of \$1,500.00.
6. Accept resignation/retirement notification from Susan Foster, FAE Principal, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.
7. Approve request for leave without pay for Cathy Finn, BVIS part-time Child Nutrition worker, effective January 9-13, 2023 (5 days).
8. Approve recommendation to hire Karla Rainford, full-time Transportation Administrative Assistant, \$18.00/hour, effective January 3, 2023.
9. Approve recommendation to hire Erin Johnson, BVIS/Inspiration Elementary English Learner (EL) Educational Assistant, full-time, \$16.95/hour, effective January 3, 2023.
10. Approve recommendation to hire the following substitutes for the 2022-23 school year: Kayla Gerken, Brent Hubers, Mikayla Knouse, and Eric Tidemann

Motion Carried.

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

1. Building Permit Applications - November 2022.
2. Thank you from Merlyn Bosch for the BVSD Retired Staff Holiday Luncheon.
3. Thank you from Bill Miller for the support of the BVSD Retired Staff Holiday Luncheon.
4. Thank you from Sheri McNamara and Bonnie Fjerestad for the BVSD Retired Staff Holiday Luncheon.
5. Thank you from Becky Mohr for the BVSD Retired Staff Holiday Luncheon.
6. Thank you from Paula Gordon for the BVSD Retired Staff Holiday Luncheon.
7. Thank you from Deb Rothenberger, Deb Swanton, Denny Wrede, Deb Kresak, Deb Brown, and Roger Leistra for the BVSD Retired Staff Holiday Luncheon.
8. Thank you from Becky and Jim Heintz for the BVSD Retired Staff Holiday Luncheon.

Travel reports were reviewed.

Board reports were presented. Board Vice Chairperson, Gregg Ode, reported on two recent events that he had the privilege to attend. The first event was a BV Veteran's Day recognition program that he attended with his granddaughter; and secondly, the BVSD Retired Staff Holiday Luncheon. Ode was thankful and so proud of Brandon Valley for all the community support of both our Veteran's and of our retired staff, recognizing all that both of these groups of patrons and retired staff have done on

our behalf to make this School District the BEST!

Board Member Ellie Saxer reported on behalf of the City Affairs & Legislation Committee. As the moderator of a recent Associated School Boards of South Dakota (ASBSD) regional call, she was tasked with gathering ideas on how school districts can share with our local legislators and with the ASBSD how we can communicate "the LYNX way" in our school district and in our community. She is seeking public input on some of the many ways our school district makes this happen.

Motion by Saxer, seconded by Bell to adjourn at meeting at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Education this 9th day of January, 2023.

INVOICE LISTING

BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 49-2 INVOICE LISTING DECEMBER 2022

PAYEE, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT; 95 PERCENT GROUP INC, IE-CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, 117.00; A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC, DISTRICT COPIER LEASE, 7,019.03 HS-COPIER SUPPLIES, 93.38; A TO Z WORLD LANGUAGES, INC, INTERPRETER SVCS, 200.00; ABERDEEN CENTRAL DEBATE, ORAL INTERP ENTRY FEE, 240.00; ACE HARDWARE - BRANDON, BE-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 21.99 FAE-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 87.94 HS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 529.63 HS-HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, 957.00 HS-SCIENCE SUPPLIES, 59.88 HS-WOODS SUPPLIES, 139.31 IS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 82.96 MS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 197.91 SPEC ED SUPPLIES, 47.94 COMPETITIVE CHEER SUPPLIES, 179.99 GROUNDS SUPPLIES, 248.37 MAINT SHOP SUPPLIES, 360.91 TRANSPORTATION SUPPLIES, 66.96; ALBERS, OLIVIA, ORAL INTERP JUDGE, 75.00; ALLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES-TELEPHONE/INTERNET, 10,341.00; ALLPOINTS FOODSERVICE, HS-ICE MACHINE SUPPLIES, 88.66; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, ELEMENTARY-STEM SUPPLIES, 79.96 FAE-CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, 19.99 MS-PRINCIPAL SUPPLIES, 69.90 RBE-CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, 155.09 SPEC ED SUPPLIES, 144.25 ELL TEXTBOOKS (TITLE III), 64.47 IT SUPPLIES, 38.97 PAC SUPPLIES, 271.90; A-OX WELDING SUPPLY CO, HS-IND TECH SUPPLIES, 272.86; ASHLEY PRODUCTIONS INC, SPEC ED SUPPLIES, 68.38; BATTERIES PLUS #75, DISTRICT-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 630.64 HS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 1,883.70; BAUER BUILT INC, BUS TIRES-#121, 965.95 BUS TIRES-#142, 965.95 BUS TIRES-#152, 2,187.19 BUS TIRES-#157, 2,187.19 BUS TIRES-#182, 2,187.19 BUS TIRES-#191, 965.95 BUS TIRES-#192, 965.95; BELLWETHER, BE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 365.00 FAE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 365.00 IE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 660.20 RBE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 365.00; BLAINE'S SERVICE, GROUNDS SUPPLIES, 140.00; BOUND TO STAY BOUND INC, BE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 260.89 FAE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 395.84 IE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 246.71 RBE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 331.58 VSE-LIBRARY BOOKS, 258.08; BRANDON, CITY OF, UTILITIES-WATER/SEWER, 9,068.08; BRANDON LUMBER CO, INC, HS-FALL PLAY SUPPLIES, 15.62; BROWN, CHRIS, GBB OFFICIAL, 60.00; BUILDERS SUPPLY COMPANY, DISTRICT-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 60.00; BURGRAAF, MELISSA, MILEAGE, 104.04; BRANDON VALLEY FOOD SERVICE, SUPT SUPPLIES, 29.27 WEBSTORE SALES, 532,576.54; BRANDON VALLEY MEDIA GROUP, LEGALS, 368.46; BVSD ADVANCED PAYMENTS, ADVANCED PAYMENTS, 1,501.89; CABANA BANNERS, ATHLETIC BANNER, 710.00; CARLSON, GEORGIA, MILEAGE, 7.14; CARROLL INSTITUTE, DRUG/ALCOHOL COUNSELING SVCS, 1,536.00; CENTURY LINK, UTILITIES-TELEPHONE, 157.90; CHASING HAWK, TRISTAN, ORAL INTERP JUDGE, 75.00; CHICOINE, JENNIFER, MILEAGE, 349.86; CHILDREN'S CARE HOSPITAL, TUITION (OCT-NOV), 8,820.00; CHILDRENS HOME SOCIETY, TUITION (OCT-NOV), 15,276.34

OT SVCS, 658.90 SPEECH THERAPY SVCS, 259.20; CHS INC, HS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 763.80 FUEL, 2,342.48 LUBRICANTS, 1,854.90; COMBINED BUILDING SPECIALTIES, HS-BACKBOARD REPAIRS, 2,072.00; CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, UTILITIES-GAS, 6,191.37; CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, HS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 52.20 RBE-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 87.00 BUS GARAGE-WATER SYSTEM REPAIRS, 210.00; DAKOTA ALIGNMENT & FRAME SVC, VAN REPAIRS, 95.85; DAKOTA AUTO PARTS, SUBURBAN/PICKUP REPAIRS, 86.86; DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC, GROUNDS SUPPLIES, 51.29; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, HS-PLUMBING SUPPLIES, 168.84; DAYS INN MITCHELL, TRAVEL-ORAL INTERP (STATE), 572.50; DEMCO INC, BE-LIBRARY SUPPLIES, 79.29 FAE-LIBRARY SUPPLIES, 72.25 VSE-LIBRARY SUPPLIES, 82.88; DEWITT, TEFERA, BUS PASS REFUND, 150.00; DUKE RENTALS, IS-LIFT RENTAL, 324.90; DUST-TEX SERVICE, INC, LAUNDRY, 2,362.93; DTB SYSTEMS, FAE-MASTER CLOCK REPAIRS, 418.37; EBSCO, HS LIBRARY-ONLINE DATABASES, 3,348.00; ECO-LAB PEST ELIMINATION, DISTRICT-PEST CONTROL, 363.68; GE SOFTWARE INC DBA EKOS, GAS PUMP SOFTWARE INSTALL, 3,000.00 GAS PUMP SOFTWARE TECH SUPPORT, 1,740.00; FASTENAL COMPANY, HS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 44.19 GROUNDS SUPPLIES, 13.65; THE FLOWER MILL, BOE SUPPLIES, 55.00; FRAZIER, MARLANA, MILEAGE, 9.18; G & H DISTRIBUTING, MS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 3.80; CENGAGE LEARNING/GALE, HS LIBRARY-ONLINE DATABASE, 1,752.83; GEHRKE, HEIDI, MILEAGE, 165.24; GEHRKE, WAYNE, MILEAGE, 150.96; GEOTEK ENGINEERING & TESTING, HS ADDITION-TESTING SVCS, 4,653.00; GOEMBEL, CLIFF, MILEAGE, 376.56; GOSSE, MARIE, MILEAGE, 143.31; GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO, INC, DISTRICT-LIGHTING SUPPLIES, 4,150.55 FAE-ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES, 696.48 HS-ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES, 282.00; G & R CONTROLS, BE-HVAC REPAIRS, 5,113.96 MS-BOILER INSTALL, 13,550.00; GROUP RESOURCES, HRA ADMIN FEES, 2,182.50; HATLESTAD, ANDREA, MILEAGE, 60.69; GIL HAUGAN CONSTRUCTION, HS ADDITION-PYMT 7, 940,644.53; HENSON, CHUCK, MILEAGE, 261.63; HERITAGE-CRYSTAL CLEAN LLC, GARBAGE PICKUP, 129.88; HIGH POINT NETWORKS, LAPTOPS, 160,839.00; HILLYARD, SIOUX FALLS, DISTRICT-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 583.69 HS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 709.88; HOFF, KELSEY, MEALS, 20.00; HORST, MERLE, BE-MATH SOFTWARE, 500.00; STAN HOUSTON EQUIP CO, INC, HS-SHOP EQUIP REPAIRS, 46.65 HS-WOODS SUPPLIES, 214.70; INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, DISTRICT-CLASSROOM FURNISHINGS, 57,093.89 BE-WHITEBOARD, 1,216.32 BE-WINDOW COVERINGS, 1,408.00 MS-MATH SUPPLIES, (34.19); INTELLIPRO SECURITY, DISTRICT-SECURITY SUPPLIES, 539.00; INTERIM HEALTHCARE, NURSING SVCS, 1,253.20; ISI LLC, INTERPRETER SVCS, 1,840.00; IVERSON, JEREMY, GBB OFFICIAL, 60.00; JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC, HS-HVAC REPAIRS, 1,354.82; JOSTENS, HS-GRADUATION SUPPLIES, 47.57; JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY, ADMIN CTR-FIRE EXTINGUISHER, 76.50; KOCH, AMINA, ORAL INTERP JUDGE, 225.00; KRAMER, BRENT, BE-CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, 114.88; KRIER & BLAIN, INC, BE-HVAC REPAIRS, 631.91 BE-PLUMBING REPAIRS, 2,688.90 HS-PLUMBING REPAIRS, 2,887.46 IE-PLUMBING REPAIRS, 1,463.64 IS-HVAC REPAIRS, 4,111.69 IS-PLUMBING REPAIRS, 1,512.77 MS-FLUSH VALVE REPLACEMENT, 5,422.37 MS-PLUMBING REPAIRS, 4,112.05 VSE-HVAC REPAIRS, 300.00; KUCK, LAURIE, MILEAGE, 40.29; LAMB CHEVROLET, INC, 2022 FORD PICKUP, 33,593.00; LAMBERTY, GRACE, ORAL INTERP JUDGE, 450.00; LAWSON PRODUCTS INC, TRANSPORTATION SUPPLIES, 313.87; LEADING EDGE CHIROPRACTIC, BUS DRIVER PHYSICALS, 120.00; M&J MUSICAL INSTRUMENT REPAIR, HS-BAND REPAIRS, 450.00; MACKIN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, IS-LIBRARY BOOKS, 939.69; MADISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DIST, WRESTLING ENTRY FEE, 40.00; MANLEY TIRE & OIL SERVICE, BUS TIRES-#194, 930.72 GROUNDS-TIRE REPAIRS, 159.00 IMPALA REPAIRS-#75, 786.87 IMPALA TIRES-#75, 267.00 IMPALA TIRES-#82, (168.24); MARV'S SANITARY SERVICE, GARBAGE PICKUP, 558.00; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC, TRANSPORTATION SUPPLIES, 79.65; MCCORMICK'S GROUP LLC, (2) MARCHING BAND PODIUMS, 4,684.98; MCCROSSAN BOYS RANCH, TUITION, 1,641.20; MECHANICAL SALES SD INC, IS-HVAC REPAIRS, 1,560.00; MEDCO SUPPLY COMPANY, TRAINER SUPPLIES, 40.60; MELILLO, DEVON, REGISTRATIONS, 122.00; MENARDS-SIOUX FALLS EAST, DISTRICT-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 447.98 IE-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 18.55 GROUNDS SUPPLIES, 234.68; MEYER, JERRY, BUS DRIVER PHYSICAL, 70.00; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, UTILITIES-GAS, 9,009.97; NELSON, SHERRI, CURRICULUM DIR SUPPLIES, 63.79; NORTH CENTRAL BUS & EQUIP, BUS REPAIRS, 572.02; O'REILLY AUTO

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CITY OF VALLEY SPRINGS

— NOTICE OF —
— PUBLIC HEARING —
VACATING STREET
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Valley Springs Board of Commissioners on the 10th day of January, 2023 at 6:00PM in the Valley Springs Legion, 615 Broadway Avenue, Valley Springs, South Dakota, to consider a petition to vacate the following described property:

VACATE OLSON STREET ON LOT 2 TRACT 4 OF OLSON'S ADDITION, IN THE SOUTH ½ OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 102 NORTH, RANGE 47 WEST, OF THE 5TH P.M., AND IN THE NORTH ½ OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 101 NORTH, RANGE 47 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CITY OF VALLEY SPRINGS, MINNEHAHA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
This City Commission public hearing will be held at the following time, date and location:
6:00 P.M.
January 10th, 2023
Valley Springs Legion 615 Broadway Avenue
A copy of the vacation petition is available for public review at the Valley Springs City Hall in the office of the Finance Officer during regular business hours.
The hearing is open to all interested parties. Those interested persons not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to the Valley Springs Finance Officer, PO Box 118, Valley Springs, SD 57068.
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact the Finance Officer at (605) 757-6555. Anyone who is deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-disabled may utilize Relay South Dakota at (800) 877-1113 (TTY/Voice). Notification 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this hearing.
Dated this 14th day of December, 2022. Samantha Boyer, Finance Officer
City of Valley Springs, SD
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$15.62.
Dec. 21, 2022

— MINUTES —
The Planning and Zoning Board for the City of Valley Springs, SD met on Thursday, December 8th, 2022 at 7:00 pm at City Hall, 401 Broadway Ave.
The meeting was called to order by Mike Langner.
Present: Mike Langner, Allen Severtson, Ron Kuipers, Brad Top & Blaine Eilts. Guest Present: Mark Rozeboom
Mark Rozeboom was present to discuss vacating Olson Street in order for him to re-plot his land and sell a portion of it. Mark will need to fill out a petition and bring it to City Hall. His request will then be presented to the Board of Commissioners.
A Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Brad to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to approve Re-Plat of Lots 3A & 3B in Block 4 of Valley View Addition. All voting yes. Motion Carried.
The Planning & Zoning board discussed starting an official Spec Sheet. Blaine will get one typed up and present it to the Planning and Zoning board.

A motion was made by Brad, seconded by Ron to adjourn. All voted yes. Motion carried.
Blaine Eilts, Zoning Administrator
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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 Kassondra Marie Bailey For a Change of Name to Kason Isaak Evans. CIV: 22-2936 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Kassondra Marie Bailey the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Kassondra Marie Bailey to Kason Isaak Evans. On the 27th day of December 2022 said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Houwman Presiding, at the Court Room 6A 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 21st day of November, 2022 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
L. Russell
Clerk of Court
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Nov. 30 & Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2022

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 Ye JungHo Ferraboli For a Change of Name to Ye Jung Ho Ferraboli-Smith. CIV: 22-2921 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Ye JungHo Ferraboli the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Ye JungHo Ferraboli to Ye Jung Ho Ferraboli-Smith. On the 27th day of December 2022 said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Houwman Presiding, at the Court Room 6A 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 18th day of November, 2022 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
Angelia M. Gries
Clerk of Court
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Nov. 30 & Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2022

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 Amber Marsh For a Change of Name to Amber Duffy. CIV: 22-3040 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Amber

Marsh the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Amber Marsh to Amber Duffy. On the 17th day of January 2023 said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Sogn 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 5th day of December, 2022 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
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Dec. 14, 21, 28 & Jan. 4, 2022

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 Jesse Ford For a Change of Name to Jayzier Emmanuel Zealot Ford. CIV: 22-3073 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Jesse J. Ford Jr the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Jesse J. Ford Jr to Jayzier Emmanuel Zealot Ford. On the 24th day of January 2023 at the hour of 11:00 said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Mammenha 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 December, 2022 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
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Dec. 14, 21, 28 & Jan. 4, 2022

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 Mandell Robert Cham Johnson For a Change of Name to Mandell Robert Bolden. CIV: 22-3074 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Mandell Robert Cham Johnson the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Mandell Robert Cham Johnson to Mandell Robert Bolden. On the 17th day of January 2023 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Sogn 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 December, 2022 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
Angelia M. Gries
Clerk of Court
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Dec. 21, 28 & Jan. 4, 11, 2022

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“feels like just another day,” Brown said of Saturday, Memorial Day and Veterans Day. “Everyone has their own story – every family that comes in, you feel that touch of each one of them. But over the holidays, this is one of the most touching ones.”

Three Rivers VFW Post 4726Commander Luke

Reimers and Valley Springs Post 131 Commander Rick Larsen were unable to attend Saturday's events, but both said they plan on it in the future.

“I'm all for it. It's a good program,” Larsen said. “I fully support any program for veterans including this one.”

Reimers was actually at Brandon Valley High School on Saturday as his daughter was competing in the BV Powerlifting Invitational. However, Reimers said the Brandon VFW has donated to Wreaths Across America both years it's been held in Sioux Falls.

“It's a simple thing, but something that needs to be done to let people know that those veterans that have passed – we still think

about them,” he said.

Brandon Veterans Angel Tree
The Brandon Post also presented veterans with presents from its Angel Tree. Presents were delivered to three locations this year: Helping Hands Assisted Living and Beth-

any Meadows in Brandon, and at Palisade Manor in Garretson.

The tree was at the Brandon VFW where people could purchase presents for veterans beginning the day after Thanksgiving.

This is the sixth year the American Legion has hosted an Angel Tree, and

organizer Crystal Reimers said all tags were picked. She said the community support was overwhelming. “It's amazing to watch

everybody's eyes light up and get excited about Christmas and that they're getting presents from people in the community,” she

said. “We're going to make it a really good Christmas for a lot of veterans in Brandon.”

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South Dakota veterans honored at annual National Wreaths Across America Day

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

The military veteran community paused in unity on Saturday. At noon at Arlington National Cemetery outside of Washington, D.C., the National Wreaths Across America Day commenced. At the same time, coordinated wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 3,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad were also held. Wreaths Across America began in 1992 and honors those fallen military members with wreaths on their markers. In Sioux Falls, the ceremony took place at 11 a.m. at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery. Even though the thermometer only peaked at 12 degrees at the time, hundreds gathered to honor fallen family members. A 21-gun salute rang through the bitter air during a 20-minute ceremony before friends and family made their way to the markers in the far eastside Sioux Falls cemetery with wreaths in hand.

"Snow or shine, we're doing it," said Erin Brown, director of the Veterans Cemetery in Sioux Falls. "I think this is one of the most touching ceremonies that we do."

It's the second year the cemetery has hosted Wreaths Across America. The cemetery opened in June of last year, and similar ceremonies are held on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

The wreaths are brought in from Maine, and 288 were dropped off in Sioux Falls early last week.

Midwest Honor Flight, a non-profit organization in Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska and Minnesota, provides veterans with an all-expense paid trip to Washington each year. The group has adopted Wreaths Across America as one of the cemeteries they support. They handle all donations, paperwork and finances to fund the annual wreaths event.

Families can also sponsor a wreath for a fallen loved one through the Midwest Honor Flight website. Several family members were in attendance on Saturday.

"I've been here since the beginning, and days like Wreaths Across America never

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Tom A. Savage/BV Journal

For the second year, Wreaths Across America was carried out at veterans cemeteries across the United States, including the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery. Two-hundred thirty-eight wreaths, which were transported here from Maine, were placed at the foot of each tombstone on Saturday.



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