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Family owned sanitation business finding success in Tea

By Crystal Dickelman

Ruby and Justin Zuraff of Tea, South Dakota have been operating Roo's Sanitation business out of Tea for the last four years. While some might not be too excited about starting their own business or diving into the sanitation business it has worked out well for the Zuraff family.

Justin Zuraff grew up with parents who ran their own business, that inspired him to own his own business one day.

Zuraff never knew what he wanted to do but after having worked for another garbage company and after enjoying the freedom that being a garbage man allowed him to have, he decided to start his own sanitation company.

With a name like Roo's, you might be wondering how Zuraff came up with the name for his company. The Roo's in Roo's Sanitation was inspired by Zuraff's wife. When the couple started dating Justin Zuraff had nicknamed his wife Ruby Roo.

This is more than just a business to the Zuraff family, as one can see from the photos at right. Both Justin and Ruby Zuraff say they love what they do and enjoy making other people's day. They love showing kids the garbage trucks, and say that the kids are fascinated by the trucks and get such a kick out of seeing them.

When asked how COVID-19 has impacted their business Zuraff said, "Garbage has increased in residential so much because everyone is cleaning more since they are home more."

With families producing more garbage many people are reviewing how much they spend on their garbage bills each month, the Zuraffs say.

Roo's Sanitation currently serves the communities of Lennox, Sioux Falls, Harrisburg, Hudson, Beresford and Tea.

To learn more about Roo's Sanitation call or text 605-498-1588.





At right, top photo: Justin and Ruby Zuraff with their children.

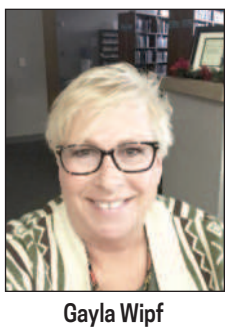
At right: Ruby Zuraff taking one of the garbage truck's out to Mac's birthday party

Tea Library finds creative ways to serve residents during Covid-19 pandemic

By Crystal Dickelman

Gayla Wipf is a familiar face to many as she has spent the last 15 years as the Tea Community Librarian.

"I first started under the head librarian and then when she took another position elsewhere, and the spot opened up and I took it over," Wipf said, "I couldn't have asked for a better person to work under and learn from than my previous boss. I gained a lot of knowledge and a lasting friendship. She did an awesome job of showing me most of what I needed to know."



Gayla Wipf

Although nothing could have prepared her for this past year, adjusting to life during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Wipf had hoped to keep the library open last year but unfortunately she said, "closing was something that needed to be done for COVID purposes."

The library is open once again and Wipf couldn't be happier. The staff is asking that each patron that comes into the library wears a mask and use sanitizer, which is located by the library door when they enter.

The Tea Community Library is located at the High School, hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 3:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9a.m. to 12 p.m.

Being open is a welcome change for Wipf, who had to be creative this last year while they were closed.

The library offered curbside pickup service. She said that only about half of the number of patrons that would normally come through the library have used this service. Curbside service is still available to those that prefer that option, patrons can call the Library at 498-0281 for pick up.

Wipf also had to get creative when it came to story time. The library hosts story time with 60-75 kids participating. She knew there was simply no way to social distance this many

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Football classifications approved, Tea Area Titans move to 11AA

By Dana Hess / SDNA

PIERRE — After months of study, the South Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors approved a football classification system at its meeting on Wednesday. It also heard five classification appeals from member schools.

The seven classification system would include in 11AAA the eight schools with the highest male average daily membership and O'Gorman High School which always petitions to play in a higher classification.

The next 11 schools by male average daily membership would make up the 11AA classification. The next 14 schools would be in 11A and the remaining schools with an average daily membership down to 56.001 would be in 11B.

The top third of teams under 56.0 ADM would be in 9AA; the next third would be 9A and the bottom third would be 9B.

SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand creates the football schedules. Asked for his opinion of the classification system, Krogstrand said, "At the end of the day, it's functional." Noting that a variety of other systems were proposed, he added, "This is the last man standing."

Football classification systems must maintain safety by having schools of like size play each other.

"We're comfortable with the enrollment differentials," said SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos. "We're comfortable with those ratios across the board."

After approving the classification system, the board heard five appeals. The Arlington/Lake Preston cooperative sought to remain in nine-man football after being classified as having enough male students to play 11-man football.

The cooperative sought to disallow the count of two Apostolic Lutheran students who aren't allowed to participate in sports and a student who has health concerns and severe disabilities.

Krogstrand explained that the board has allowed religious exemptions in the past. The appeal was approved on a vote of 7-1.

The board rejected an appeal from Scotland/Menno, a new football cooperative which sought to be classified in nine-man football rather than going up to 11-man.

"We did sell it as nine-man football," according to Menno Superintendent Tom Rice, explaining the way the cooperative was presented to school board members.

The cooperative sought a reduction in its 58.042 ADM by discounting two special needs students listed in the Scotland rolls but schooled in Sioux Falls and one student who didn't come to school.

Krogstrand said it's not uncommon for bigger schools and reservation schools to have truant students. He said the cooperative would have the option to stay in nine-man but forego postseason play.

Rice said in a case like that, he'd have to ask, "Why the heck are we playing?"

A motion to approve the appeal died for a lack of a second and was rejected.

The board unanimously approved an appeal from Bon Homme which had four students counted as juniors who would not have any eligibility to play football next year.

Without the four students, the ADM for Bon Homme would be 53, allowing them to play nine-man football.

Facilities, rather than student numbers was the basis for an appeal from the Dakota Hills football cooperative that includes Wilmot, Waubay and Summit.

Summit Superintendent Mike Schmidt said the cooperative would prefer to play nine-man football rather than move up to 11-man because the 80-yard field at Wilmot is built for nine-man football.

"Our biggest concern is the facility," Schmidt said. Citing the pandemic, Schmidt said, "We were just thinking this was a little bit of an emergency."

Wilmot Superintendent Larry Hulscher said preliminary estimates are more than $10,000 to move lights and fencing to increase the size of the football field. He explained that home games are split in the cooperative with two in Wilmot and two in Waubay. Summit does not have a football field.

SDHSAA board chairman Craig Cassens of Faulkton said all the home games could be played in Waubay.

"It would not be a popular decision," Cassens said. "I understand that."

Board member Jerry Rasmussen of Dakota Valley noted that the season was still six months away and asked if the work in Wilmot could be finished in time.

"I believe that we could probably get it done this summer," Hulscher said, noting that more time would allow the district to look at the bigger picture and perhaps relocate the field.

The appeal was denied when no one on the board made a motion for approval.

The Hamlin School District asked to remain in Class 9AA football as more than 50 percent of the school's enrollment do not participate in athletic programs because of their religious beliefs. The appeal was approved on a 7-1 vote.

Titan football team moves to Class 11AA

By Anne Homan

With the approval of the football classification system by the SDHSAA, Tea Area will be moving to Class 11AA next season for football.

This past November, the Titans enjoyed a perfect season record which was capped off with a Class 11A Title.

Titan head coach Craig Clayberg was anticipating the change and following their State Championship title he said, "Moving up to Class 11AA will be a challenge, but our guys won't back down. We will be the smallest school in the class, but I think we will be able to compete with anyone. We need to have guys out for other sports or in the weight room the rest of this school year and in the summer to be prepared for the challenge."

Other teams competing at Class 11AA next season will include Brookings, Yankton, Mitchell, Douglas, Pierre, Sturgis, Huron, Spearfish, Aberdeen Central and Watertown.

Class 11A schools will include Belle Fourche, West Central, Vermillion, Lennox, Sioux Falls Christian, Dakota Valley, Madison, Milbank, Canton, Chamberlain, Tri-Valley, Custer, Dell Rapids, and Sisseton.

Class 11AAA teams include Sioux Falls Jefferson, Sioux Falls Lincoln, Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Sioux Falls Washington, Rapid City Stevens, Rapid City Central, Brandon Valley, Harrisburg, and O'Gorman, who petitioned up.

Class 11B teams include Beresford, Hot Springs, Lead-Deadwood, Flandreau, Elk Point Jefferson, Redfield, Winner, Wagner, Sioux Valley, Mobridge-Pollock, Rapid City Christian, Baltic, Hill City, Groton Area, Parker, Bennett County, Deuel, Webster Area, Aberdeen Roncalli, Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan, McCook Central/Montrose, Miller/Highmore-Harrold, Dakota Hills, Scotland/Menno, St Thomas More, who petitioned up and Mt. Vernon/Plankinton, who also petitioned up.

Lawmakers hesitant on legal weed as industry ramps up

By Nick Lowrey
South Dakota News Watch

Entrepreneurs across South Dakota are already taking steps to claim a share of the state's soon-to-be-legal marijuana market, but legislators and regulators are off to a slow start in crafting laws and rules to govern the controversial new industry.

The sale, possession and use of recreational and medicinal marijuana are set to become legal in South Dakota for the first time on July 1. But when the 2021 South Dakota legislative session started on Jan. 12, only one bill regarding marijuana had been filed.

A group of 15 Republican lawmakers have formed what they call a "Cannabis Caucus" to address marijuana issues this session. But leaders in both the Republican and Democratic parties say discussions on preparing for legalization and regulation of the business of marijuana sales, possession and use — one of the top matters facing the 2021 Legislature — have barely begun.

One high-ranking Senate leader said enacting a regulatory framework for legal marijuana will probably require more than one session of work and will likely spill into the 2022 session or require a special session to complete.

"Not everything will be done at the end of this session," said Senate Majority Leader Gary Cammack, R-Union Center. "I know there has been talk about the need for a special session."

Marijuana entrepreneurs, however, are not waiting for the Legislature to act. Many have been working for months to get businesses ready for the July 1 legalization date. The South Dakota Secretary of State's Office handled 907 more new business filings during the last three months of 2020 than it had during the same period of 2019, many of them related to legal weed.

Exactly how many new business filings are related to marijuana is unknown, as the Secretary of State's Office does not require new businesses to indicate a purpose or sales plan, said Jason Luntz, deputy secretary of state.

But as of Jan. 11, a search of public business filings on the Secretary of State's website found more than 40 businesses with the words "cannabis," "marijuana," "pot" or "dispensary" in their names. Most of those businesses organized as Limited Liability Companies or registered their business names after voters approved marijuana legalization on Nov. 3, 2020.

Even as a court challenge of the legalization of recreational marijuana remains unresolved, experts say the state needs to move quickly to establish clear rules for growing and selling marijuana commercially. The state will need to license and regulate sales outlets, set up tax collections, define penalties for selling marijuana to minors and make laws related to the marijuana black market, said Kittrick Jeffries, a former marijuana industry compliance officer and founder of a new Rapid City-based cannabis consulting firm called Dakota Cannabis Consulting.

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Tea City Council nominating petitions open

Circulation of nominating petitions will begin on January 29 for the City of Tea.

On Tea City Council, the following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective office: Councilmember Ward I (Sidney Munson) – Two Year Term; Councilmember Ward II (Casey Voelker) – Two Year Term; Councilmember Ward III (Chuck Ortmeier) – Two Year Term; Councilmember Ward III (vacant) - One Year Term.

Petitions may be filed in the office the finance officer located at 600 E. 1st St., Tea between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central standard time by Feb. 26, 2021, or mailed by registered mail by 5:00 p.m. central standard time Feb. 26, 2021.

COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation in Phase ID in South Dakota

Lincoln County active cases at 270

By Kelli Bultena

Earlier this week, the Department of Health and Human Services announced expected increases in dose allocations to states. Currently COVID-19 vaccine allocation from the federal government are based on a state's population. South Dakota has been receiving an average of 11,000 doses a week and has to date administered over 51,300 doses.

Secretary of Health Kim Malsam-Rysdon said last Friday, "South Dakota will do what we always do—work with what we have, while helping as many as we can. While we await any increase in federal allocation numbers, we will continue Phase I as planned. Starting next week, our healthcare systems will start vaccinating a limited number of residents who are 80 and over in age, high risk patients in oncology treatment, on dialysis and post-transplant, and high-risk congregate setting residents. Shots in arms is our goal."

Detailed information on the beginning stages of Group 1D can be found online at COVID.SD.GOV.

The COVID-19 vaccine distribution is being handled by Sanford in Lincoln County and by both Sanford and Avera Health in Minnehaha County. Although patients who live in Lincoln County and doctor with Avera Health system can go through Avera, a person is not required to go through Sanford.

The SD Department of Health advises people to visit COVID.SD.GOV for the latest information and resources regarding the vaccine in South Dakota.

As many South Dakotans wait their turn for vaccine availability, COVID-19 cases have remained relatively steady across the state.

As of Tuesday, the SD Department of Health reported 270 active cases of Coronavirus in Lincoln County out of a total of 7,248 COVID-19 cases. There are 6,908 recovered cases and 70 deaths reported in Lincoln County.

Statewide as of Jan. 19, 2021 South Dakota has 4,232 active COVID-19 cases out of a total of 105,786 cases. Total recoveries in the state are at 99,887.

There are 200 people currently hospitalized because of COVID-19. SD DOH reports that 1,667 South Dakota residents have died with COVID-19 as the cause or contributing factor.

The U.S. reports 24,094,696 positive COVID-19 cases and 399,264 deaths of as of Jan. 19, according to John Hopkins University and Medicine.

Tea records 357 building permits in 2020

By Wendy Sweeter

The Tea City Council met Jan. 18 for their second meeting of the new year.

In a brief meeting, the council approved the plats for lots 1A, 2A, 3A, 5A and 6A in block 6, Boulder Addition, lots 15A and 16A in block 18, Prairie Trails Addition and lots 2-13 in block 4, Heritage Addition.

The council also approved the request for approximately 1.84 acres in Schoenberg Tract 2 to be annexed into the corporate limits of the city of Tea from Herman Otten Construction INC.

They reviewed the building permit data for 2020. They had a total of 357 building permits in 2020, which is the highest number for the last 10 years. The total construction value of those permits was $37,452,608.

They tabled the supplemental payroll that was on this week's agenda.

Lawmakers hesitant on legal weed as industry ramps up

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"I think South Dakota has a great opportunity here... but there are some really key things that need to be done before July," Jeffries said.

If lawmakers and state regulators do not have the framework of a commercial market in place before marijuana becomes legal on July 1, anyone who wants to use cannabis after that date would be pushed to buy from the black market, which could expand and compete with legal, tax-paying retailers, Jeffries said.

Black market competition could weaken South Dakota's legal marijuana market, leaving local businesses more vulnerable to interstate competition should the federal government choose to legalize marijuana, Jeffries said.

A few legislators have been considering marijuana regulation in the early days of the 2021 session. Rep. Mike Derby, R-Rapid City, is playing a lead role in forming what he calls the "Cannabis Caucus." Derby said the group's goal is mostly to share information and help educate other lawmakers as opposed to offering legislation or coordinating votes. Members



plan to meet for the first time on Jan. 21 to review bill drafts, Derby said.

One of the big issues Derby plans to work on is providing clarity for local governments. Dozens of marijuana businesses are already preparing to begin commercial marijuana growing operations or are preparing to open retail sales outlets in South Dakota. Municipal governments will need guidance on how to safely zone for often large, indoor marijuana farms needed to supply wholesale and retail outlets, Derby said.

"At the end of the day, we want to respect the will of the people," Derby said. "We have an opportunity to look at what other states have passed, learn from their best practices, learn from their mistakes and maybe create a better process."

Rep. Mary Fitzgerald, R-St. Onge, has called for legislation that would make using marijuana in a vehicle and driving while high illegal after marijuana possession becomes legal. As of Jan. 13, Fitzgerald had not filed any legislation regarding marijuana use. The only bill regarding marijuana legalization that had been filed by Jan. 13 came from the Department of Revenue. Senate Bill 35 asks the Legislature to give the department $4 million to cover the costs of regulating the marijuana industry until tax revenue starts coming in. The bill also asks lawmakers to give the state Department of Health about $135,000 to help cover the cost of regulating medical marijuana.

Any recreational marijuana bills that legislators pass could be negated by a lawsuit seeking to declare the recreational marijuana vote result as unconstitutional. Backed by Gov. Kristi Noem, the lawsuit was filed by Highway Patrol Superintendent Rick Miller and Pennington County Sheriff Kevin Thom, who argue that the constitutional amendment passed by voters, known as Amendment A, should not have been on the Nov. 3 ballot and is unconstitutional because it was too broad.

A hearing in the case is scheduled for Jan. 27 in Hughes County circuit court, but no trial date has been set. The circuit court's final ruling and any subsequent appeals to the state Supreme Court likely won't be settled until well after the 2021 legislative session ends.

Ian Fury, a spokesman for Gov. Noem, said the governor is in discussion with lawmakers about marijuana legalization but has not engaged in filing or pushing any specific legislation so far. "Many legislators have an interest in this topic and we want to give them the opportunity to convey their thoughts and ideas on behalf of their constituents," Fury wrote in an email to News Watch.

Some lawmakers question whether the Legislature should be involved in regulating recreational marijuana at all.

"My interpretation of Amendment A is that it doesn't allow the Legislature to do anything," said Sen. Arthur Rusch, R-Vermillion, vice-chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Amendment A did not provide a regulatory framework for the industrial production or commercial sale of large amounts of cannabis. Instead, the amendment requires the state Department of Revenue to devise licensing and regulatory mechanisms that allow for the sale of recreational marijuana by April 1, 2022. Rusch said he believes Amendment A gave full authority over recreational marijuana regulation to the Department of Revenue.

"That's one of the reasons I believe (Amendment A) is unconstitutional," Rusch said.

Still, legislative leaders in both the Republican and Democratic parties acknowledged that a clear majority of South Dakota voters wanted to see marijuana legalized and that the Legislature is obligated to implement legalization measures.

"Our feet are set in concrete. Until the courts rule or voters overturn it in another election, it is our job to move forward with legalization," Cammack said.

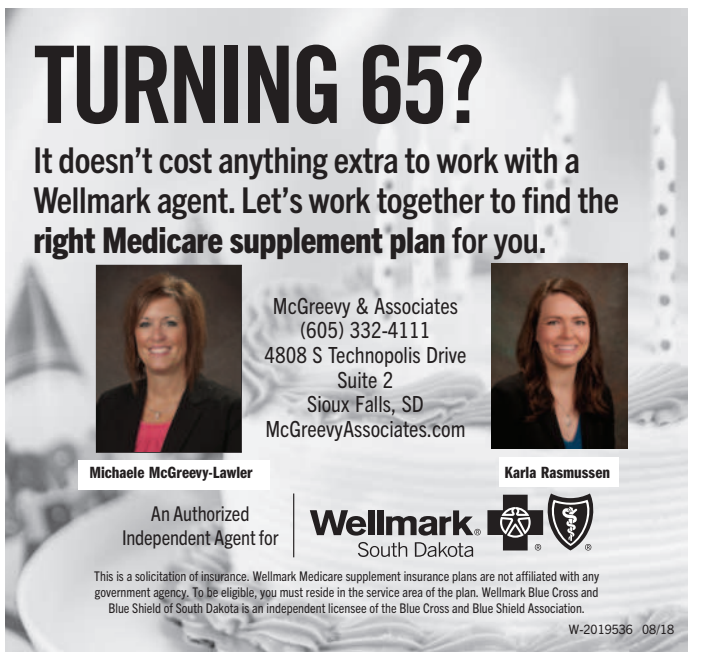
Statewide homeless count conducted in January

On Jan. 26, 2021, South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium (SDHHC), an affiliate of South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA), will conduct its annual statewide Point-In-Time (PIT) homeless count.

The Point-In-Time homeless count is a critical source of annual data, providing characteristics of people who are experiencing homelessness. Data from the annual PIT homeless count is used to measure homelessness on local, state, and national levels. PIT count data helps policy makers and communities measure progress, identify strengths and gaps in services, increases public awareness of homelessness, and enhances system planning and responses.

SDHHC will conduct a count of homeless persons within the geographic area of South Dakota. To be effective, SDHHC divides the state into six count areas and utilizes five coordinators. There are coordinators in each area who will be working with agencies and volunteers to conduct the 2021 PIT count. Coordinators and their areas are listed below. If you have been involved with the count in the past, or would like to be involved, please contact the individuals in your area for more information on training and organization plans for communities. To maximize safety, SDHHC will be employing federally approved flexibilities into this year's unsheltered homeless count including; decreasing and minimizing close contact time by reducing the number of survey questions, providing personal protective equipment for volunteers, and limiting the reliance upon volunteers. Sioux Falls Contact: Suzanne Smith, Augustana Research Institute, 605-274-5010 or suzanne.smith@augie.edu

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Inside this week...



From the Editor
Kelli Bultena

As your local paper, reporting on the business of city and school is one of our most important tasks. Of course, it's up to the citizens to read it.

One way citizens can affect change locally is to run for public office. You can read about taking out a nominating petition for Tea City Council on page 2 of this week's newspaper. These types of notices are also published in the Public Notice section of the paper. The "fine print" is really where you can learn about the business of our local governments.

Speaking of government, this week readers will also be able to read updates from our District 6 (Tea) legislators. If you speak with them, be sure to mention that you read their column in the paper. We appreciate getting their take on what is happening in Pierre.

And of course, history will be made this week on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, as President-elect Joe Biden and our first female Vice President-elect Kamala Harris will be sworn into office during the United States' 59th Presidential Inauguration.

One of the lines I've seen repeated under her photo reads, "The first but not the last."

It really is an important moment in history, and the future looks hopeful.

AFC/NFC Championship match-ups set



Speaking of Sports
Anne Homan

Tom Brady may have left the Patriots but his reign on the post-season isn't over. New team—same result. Brady defeated the Saints on Sunday to advance to the NFC Championship game. With the win, Brady notched his 32nd playoff win, meaning he now has more playoff wins than all but five FRANCHISES! Insane.

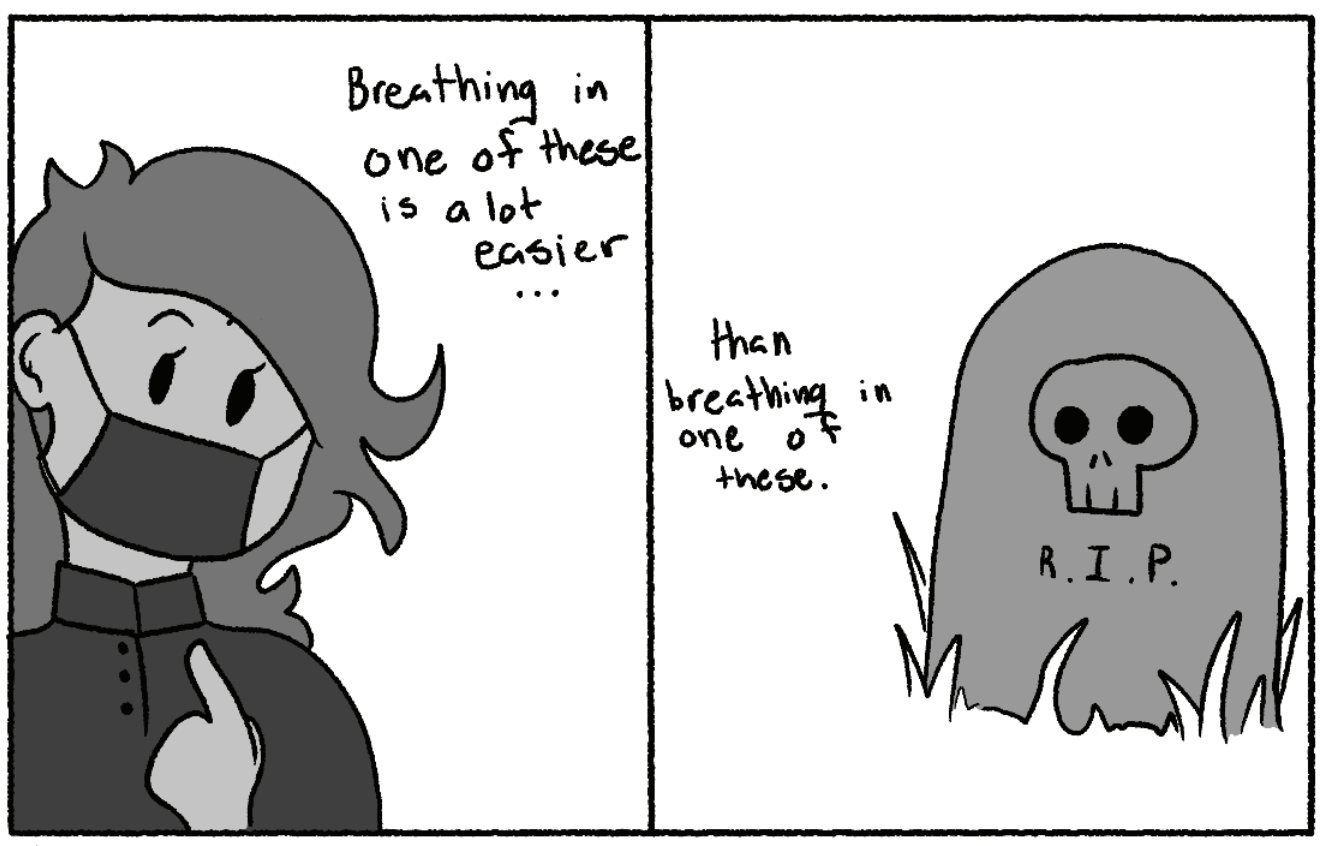
It was a tough game to watch as Drew Brees' interceptions proved to be the difference—not a great way to end his career, if indeed he does.

Awaiting Brady will be Aaron Rodgers and the Packers who defeated the Rams on Saturday, much to my son's dismay. Ever since the "Dez Caught It" drama, I hate seeing the Packers win in the post season. But Brady gets to me too, so who to cheer for in this match up? I haven't a clue.

In the AFC, the Chiefs escaped the Browns after some worrisome moments when Patrick Mahomes left the game and didn't return. Backup, Chad Henne, did what he needed to do for the Chiefs to advance in this one. Part of me was rooting for the Browns in this one, not sure why, perhaps I just liked seeing them finally having a good season.

Awaiting the Chiefs will be the Bills who defeated the Ravens on Saturday. I didn't really care who won this one but I was happy to see the Bills move on.

The last time the Bills were in the AFC Championship game was in 1994, ironically against the Chiefs. I should point out they won that game but lost to the Cowboys in the Super Bowl that season. And yes, I realize it has been a long drought for the Cowboys too. I'm hoping if the Bills can get things going again, there is hope for Dallas too.



We Are More Alike Than Different

By Debra Johnston, M.D.

America is grappling a difficult legacy. Our society was built by the blood and sweat of slaves, on land previously occupied by Native Americans. When we won independence, only white male property owners were fully enfranchised. Enslaved peoples were not fully counted under the constitution. Married women had no legal identity.

Immigrants, particularly from Ireland, southern Europe, and Asia faced open hostility. Catholic Churches were vandalized. Nearly 1000 Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Germany were turned away in Miami harbor. Japanese Americans were forced from their homes and into internment camps.

We have a proud heritage of noble ideals, but we have often failed to live up to them. We have emphasized our differences, not to celebrate the rich tapestry of life they create, but to divide ourselves into "us" and "them."

In the last 250 years, our society has moved in meaningful ways toward equal participation. Slavery is illegal. Women can own property. People of different races can marry. We still face the consequences of generations of discrimination, but most of us find we have opportunities our grandparents did not.

The LGBTQ+ community is the most recent to demand an end to discrimination. Awareness is increasing, but many people still have little information, or have misinformation, about the diversity of human sexuality and sexual identity.

Three years ago, a high school friend shocked me when she revealed that she was, in fact, a trans woman. I wonder how many other people I've met and cherished have felt compelled to hide something so important. We know that suicide attempts in the LGBTQ+ community are higher than in the general population, particularly for young people who are bullied in their communities or rejected at home. LGBTQ+ individuals are more likely to be victimized by violent crimes.

I often think of the saying "a rising tide lifts all boats." It reminds me that working to improve my neighbor's well-being makes my own more secure. This is especially true for the neighbors who don't look like me, who don't pray like me, who don't vote like me, who don't love like me. If their rights are threatened, it is only a matter of time before mine are, as well.

We can all look back in our family trees and find someone who faced discrimination for their race, religion, or class. And of course, we all have mothers and grandmothers! Let's remember those struggles and extend compassion. We are more alike than we are different.

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Movie Review: "The War with Grandpa"



Movie Review
Bob Garver

Even though "The War with Grandpa" won a weekend at the box office last October, knocking "Tenet" out of the top spot after a five-week run, the timing just never worked out for me to see the film in theaters. I actually felt bad about it, like I was missing out on the opportunity to review something relevant. I was indeed missing out on the opportunity to see a film that was scraping together just enough money to warrant a review, but I was not missing out on a movie worth reviewing.

The film stars Robert DeNiro as Ed, a senior citizen gradually falling behind in the modern world. After an incident involving one of those automatic checkout machines that infuriate everyone regardless of age, he's pressured into moving in with his daughter Sally (Uma Thurman) and her family. Sally, her husband Arthur (Rob Riggle), their teenage daughter Mia (Laura Marano), and Christmas-obsessed youngest daughter Jenny (Poppy Gagnon) all know the new arrangement will be an adjustment, but it's preteen son Peter (Oakes Fegley) who's most unhappy. Ed will be moving into his bedroom, meaning that he'll have to move up to the attic. I've heard other critics say that the attic in this movie doesn't look too bad and Peter should quit whining, but it has vermin problems that I doubt Child Protective Services would let slide.

Peter "declares war" on Ed, promising to make his life miserable until he... decides to move out, I guess, even though he doesn't exactly "want" to be there in the first place. A prank war ensues. Peter replaces Ed's shaving cream with sealant. Ed sabotages Peter's school report. Peter puts a snake in Ed's bed. Ed destroys Peter's elaborate virtual castle. In an effort to settle the rivalry once and for all, the two agree to face each other in a four-on-four winner-take-all (whatever that means) dodgeball game at a trampoline park. Why dodgeball? Why teams of four? Because this movie really wanted to film a scene at a dodgeball park and for no other reason. The game ends in a draw, and since there's no way for two people to settle a dispute other than trampoline dodgeball, the feud seems destined to go on forever. Or at least until Jenny's birthday party next week.

Ed's circle of friends, and dodgeball team, include Jerry (Christopher Walken), Danny (Cheech Marin), and Diane (Jane Seymore). I was intrigued by the comedic possibilities of the wily veterans, but they let me down tremendously. With Walken, for example, I was so excited to hear that he was in this movie that I immediately broke into my requisite bad Walken impression. Then I saw the movie and noticed that Walken himself was doing an even worse impression. Cheech brings nothing to the table, and Seymore is involved in one of the dumbest twist endings of the year. The blatantly obvious one from lousy horror movie "You Should Have Left" is still worse, but I didn't even realize this was supposed to be a twist until it was treated like one.

"The War with Grandpa" triggered some sort of chemical reaction in my brain. Watching this unfunny, unintelligent, oftentimes unnatural movie, I wanted to cry. Not because of the six dollars I spent on the rental fee or even the torturous nature of the movie's humor, but because this was eating up 95 minutes of my valuable time. It's a good thing I merely saw this movie at home, because schlepping to a theater in New Jersey from my home in NYC takes about an hour both ways, so at least I was able to roughly halve the time wasted. I'm temped to name this movie as the worst of 2020, but I saw even hackier stuff On Demand, so this movie will just have to settle for being the worst that got a major theatrical release.

Grade: D

"The War with Grandpa" is available On Demand through streaming services and likely through your local cable provider. The film is rated PG for rude humor, language, and some thematic elements. Its running time is 95 minutes.

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Caregiver Support Program Expands

By Greg Whitlock, Secretary
South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

Caregivers play an important role in the health and well-being of veterans, and their undertakings are often a 24/7 job. We want caregivers for our heroes to know there are improved services and programs to assist them.

Caregivers can be spouses, partners, adult children, parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, in-laws, grandchildren, friends, or neighbors. These caregivers are often forced to put their lives on hold to manage their veterans' healthcare needs, and if you asked them, they would tell you that taking care of their hero is one of the greatest honors they have been given.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) expanded the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC). While the specifics can be somewhat complicated, more people who provide critical care to veterans can be eligible for financial and other support through the VA.

The expansion of PCAFC includes eligible veterans that have a single or combined VA service-connected disability rating of 70 percent or higher, regardless of whether it resulted from an injury, illness, or disease. This is a notable change to the definition of serious injury from past regulations and addresses the complexity and expense of keeping veterans at home with their families who provide personalized care.

The expansion of PCAFC will occur in two phases. The first phase has begun and will include eligible veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty in the active, military, naval, or air service on or before May 7, 1975. Phase two will go into effect in approximately two years and will include eligible veterans of all eras.

Additionally, the new program changes the stipend payment system, defines new procedures for revocation and discharge, and improves communication between the VA and the caregivers.

All veteran caregivers are encouraged to visit with their local county or tribal veterans service officer about these changes afforded by the PCAFC.

Caregivers can also contact their respective VA Medical Center (Sioux Falls 605-336-3230 – ext. 5080), or (Hot Springs – 605-347-7000 – ext. 17071), or visit: https://www.va.gov/family-member-benefits/comprehensive-assistance-for-family-caregivers/.

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Teapot Troopers collect donations for Bishop Dudley House

The Teapot Troopers 4-H Club would like to thank Tea City Hall and the Tea Community for their support of their sock drive during the Christmas season. The Club is pictured above with the donations. The socks collected have been donated to the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. If you are interested in joining 4-H and have questions, please contact Ginger Poppens at gigi_1978_1997@yahoo.com or Kim Muller at ckbm2016@gmail.com.

Postcards from the Past

with Luella DeJong



Don't want to wear a mask or social distance? It infringes on your "rights"? During WWII almost everything imaginable was rationed—groceries, tires, and yes, gas.

Above is a picture of Dale Olson and Jerome Weis on the day before rationing was to take effect. They used a few milk/cream cans to buy up 30 gallons of gas before rationing started. Many were doing this,using every type of container available. The joke of the day was if a fire started the town would have burned up as every garage had a container of gas!

Do you have copy of the "Time for Tea" book? Lots of interesting reading and a wonderful history of Tea. Good reading for $10 or $15

Obituaries

Pam Van Middendorp

1952-2021



To all of our family and friends:

Pam wanted everyone to know that she was going to be with Jesus.

Her life revolved around family first. She was the proud mother of three children, Casey (& Jon) Gesling, John (& Tracy) Van Middendorp, and Jesse (& Aaron) Christensen, whom she loved so very much. We have six grandchildren; Alyshia (& Cory) Rieff, Jordon Gesling, Julia Gesling, Naylah Johnson, Janne Johnson, and Nathan Christensen. We also have one great-grandson, Cole Rieff.

Her most important holiday was Christmas and she loved to find special gifts for everyone. She collected distinctive and antique ornaments for the tree and usually had so many of them that you almost couldn't see the tree. Each year the Christmas (Dickens) village got bigger and she had to get more houses (somewhere about 135 of them). Our 4th bedroom on the lower level was almost exclusively for all of her Christmas decorations.

She was an avid antique collector and dealer. Pam still has a booth at Pickers Antique and Flea Market at the Tea exit. She shared this interest with a host of other dealers and collectors. As soon as the weather improved and garage sales were on, she would drag me out to them as early as possible. It seemed like I never had a chance to do anything else when the season started. Our basement family room was her warehouse. I even saw the floor a couple of times (which soon got filled back up).

Pam also loved gardening. As soon as the weather allowed, we were always out in the yard moving, sowing, planting and landscaping. In the myriad of places lived, she always had a showcase garden. The kids even used to cut her flowers down and sell them at a pop up flower stand on the street corner in Astoria, Oregon. Her David Austin roses she tended to in Lennox, SD were a town talking point.

She also loved to go the casino and donate to their well being. She was lucky and garnered several jackpots or hand-pays. She had a host of friends that shared this passion, whom she always enjoyed visiting with.

She was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Dale and Pauline (McManus) Summy. We were married April 3, 1971. In 1974, I joined the US Coast Guard (her idea) and we spent the next 16 years moving all over the place. She had a great impact on the people we met at every station we were assigned. She was a president of a wives club, an ombudsman, church leader, and social director. Her favorite job, was as assistant manager at The Bedford, a bed and breakfast in Cape May, NJ. She had to take care of our family when I was gone for extended periods in the military. I never had to worry about them during those times.

I could tell you that our life together was an adventure. She had stories for days. She made a point to talk to everyone and share stories of her family and all the adventures they experienced. She was well-loved and her spirit will carry on through the ones she loved. The family plans to have a Celebration of Life in late spring. The flowers will be in bloom and that will make her smile.

—David Van Middendorp

Death Notice

Alfred Fischer, 93, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021 peacefully at his rural Tea home. Public services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 at Germantown Presbyterian Church, rural Chancellor. Public visitation with the family present will be 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox. dindotklusmann.com

Death Notice

Luann Hoogestraat, 56, of Lennox, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls. Public services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22 at St. Magdalen Catholic Church, Lennox. Public visitation, also at St. Magdalen Catholic Church, will be 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Lennox Municipal Band. Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox is assisting the family.

What's For Lunch?

Tea Area School District JrK-5th Grade Lunch Menu

Visit www.teaschools.k12.sd.us for 6th-12th grade menus

Jan. 25: French toast sticks, egg omelet, potato wedges, slushie fruit cup, milk

Jan. 26: Ribette w/bun, fresh broccoli, fresh fruit, milk

Jan. 27: Chicken sliders, green beans, sliced peaches, milk

Jan. 28: Chicken alfredo, corn, fresh fruit, garlic toast, milk

Jan. 29: Stuffed cheese sticks, carrots, sliced pears, milk

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 22

- Boys Basketball vs. Aberdeen Central, H, JV-4pm; C-5:15pm; V-7pm
- Girls Basketball @ Aberdeen Central, C-4:30pm; JV-5:45pm; V-7pm

SATURDAY, JAN. 23

- Boys Basketball vs. St. Thomas More @ Mitchell Corn Palace, 2:30pm
- Wrestling Varsity Conference Tournament @ West Central High School, 9am

TUESDAY, JAN. 26

- Boys Basketball @ Sioux Falls Christian, C-5pm; JV-6:15pm; V-7:30pm
- Girls Basketball vs. Sioux Falls O'Gorman @ Tea Area, C-4pm; JV-5:45pm; V-7:30pm

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

- Girls Basketball @ Madison, C-5pm; JV-6:15pm; V-7:30pm

SATURDAY, JAN. 30

- Boys Basketball @ Madison, DAKXII Conference Tournament, TBA
- Wrestling @ Parker, 10am

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A maximum of 50% of each campus' building capacity for each service is currently being followed. Masks are encouraged, but not required.

Services continued to be streamed at 8:45, 10 & 11:15 a.m. Live services found on Facebook, YouTube and iamembrace.com/online.

Living Hope Community Church

305 E. Brian, Tea • 498-5876
Pastor Wayne Reed
Sunday: 9am Sunday School (for ages 5 years and up); 10am Sunday Worship Service In person as well as Facebook Live

Weekly: Wednesday, Sept 16 -Youth Groups 6:45 PM-7:30PM *Note time changes*; Free program-Ages 5 years-High School. Due to Covid, will not be serving meals yet. Doors open at 6:40PM, masks are required for inside activities. Please pick up your kids by 7:35PM. By taking precautions, we hope to continue meeting in person. Call for more details; Wednesday: 9AM Moms in Prayer; Thursday: 6:30AM-Men's Fellowship Group; Continue to watch the Tea Weekly for updates and future events.

Tea Trinity Lutheran Church

335 W 1st St., Tea
498-2343, teatrinity.org
Pastor Tom Opoien & Deacon Christie Meier
Sunday: Worship services in the sanctuary, 8am & 10:30am; Facebook live worship at 10:30am

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

140 W. Brian St., Tea
498-5792 or 498-2110, www.stnicholastea.org
Father Tom Fitzpatrick
Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.;
Weekly Masses: Saturday, 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

1401 N. Main Ave., Tea, 498-5050
Pastor Jonah Domenichelli
https://risensaviortea.org
Sunday: Sunday Divine Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School / Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

West Prairie Lutheran Church, ELCA

46788 282nd St., Lennox
647-5923; On Facebook
Pastor Jon Hallenbeck Ask
Sunday: Service starts at 9 a.m.

Southtown Fellowship

116 Main St., Worthing
605-372-0060, Southtownchurch.com
Pastor Jerry Miller
Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.

St. Magdalen Catholic Church

417 E 6th Ave, Lennox
647-2187, stmagdalenlennox.parishesonline.com
Father Martin Lawrence
Sunday: Mass, 10:30am
Weekly: Wednesday: Mass, 9am (except first Wednesday of the month when it is in Canton); Friday: 9am

First English Lutheran Church – NALC

120 E. 2nd Ave., Lennox
647-5140, www.felclennox.org
Pastor Hugh Brewer
Sunday, Jan. 24: 9:30 am Worship Service, in-person and live-streamed; 10:45 am Sunday School; 10:45 am Semi-Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 27: 7:30 am Breakfast with Your Bible, in-person and via Zoom; 5:30 pm Confirmation Class; 6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group at First English; 7:45 pm High School Youth Group at First English

First Baptist Church

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Rev. Jason Haas
Sunday, January 24: 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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Tea Area High School Second Quarter Honor Roll

2nd Quarter
Roll of Excellence

9th Grade—Austin Eimers, Jenna Gass, Shayda Hendrickson, Taylor Johanneson, Isabella Johnson, Avery Ostrem, Presley Portner, Jackson Tschetter, Katelyn Vasecka, Madisen Vavra, Ethan Vis, Miah Weber

10th Grade—Nathan Babb, Ella Bialas, Bryce Crawford, Lydia Decker, Brailey Groeneveld, Hunter Hagedorn, Averi Johannsen, Kiarra Ljunggren, Kendra McKinney, Jessica Nelson, Aiden Pearson, Jackson Smythe, Payton Svanda, Aerana Waltner, Sierra Waltner, Gavin Walz, Jaci Welch, Eliza Wilgers, Hunter Wilson

11th Grade—Brianna Adams, Allyson Afrank, Connor Brekke, Ashlyn Goodall, Noah Hubley, Isaac Johnson, Mayce Larson, Alex Pies, Oliver Price, Annika Quamen, Chylee Thompson, Taylor Van Emmerik, Maria Webb

12th Grade—Mineya Afa, Victoria Bartell, Gavin Bialas, Savannah Dorothy, Josie Ketelhut, Emma Kint, Cooper Leslie, Kenadie Martinsen, Frank Micucci, Dawson Portner, Luke Rettedal, Ellie Ritter, Megan Stadtfeld, Jaya Wilson, Tiffany Young

A Honor Roll

9th Grade—Syda Afa, Braden Attema, Zowie Bennett, Reidyn Bermudez, Gillian Buckman, Gwynneth Campbell, Logan Clapsaddle, Taylor Del Monaco, Ava Drake, Peyton Edmonds, Brock Ellingson, Emersyn Erck, Destiny Fisher, Drexler Francisco Velasquez, Emily Froendt, Evan Froendt, Sydney Ganschow, Shealey Geelan, Mara Grant, Julia Haack, Timothy Halbur, Brooklyn Hallvin, Dominick Heier, Fyrst Henriksen, Jonah Hunter, Molly Huss, Holden Jelen, Gavin Johnson, Zachary Johnson, Alex Kayser, Aubrey Kenyon, Malcolm Ketelhut, Alexie Koch, Rylan Konrad, Brooklyn Korver, Haley Korver, Benjamin Lindholm, Cassondra McDaniel, Samantha McGuckin, Logan Michalek, Aftyn Murray, Hayden Otten, Nora Price, Jack Qualseth, Nathan Renken, Cooper Ritter, Oscar Rivas, Sheyla SaavedraPadron, Clayton Schwebach, Breanne Semmler, Peyton Sieber, Katelyn Spracklin, Scarlett Taylor, Kyzek Thompson, Addyson Tow, Makayla Tuohino, Allyson Turek, Carter Turek, Lauren Turgeon, Carter Uhler, Haidyn West, Hannah West, Garrett Wiebenga, Jessen Wiebenga, Boston Willemssen, Matai Yadassa, Ivan ZamoraGutierrez

10th Grade—Jillian Arp, Conner Battleson, Logan Boom, Gabriella Brewer, Magdelina Curry, Benjamin Daggett, Adam Elkins, Holly Frankenstein, Matthew Halbur, Ciara Hansen, Tate Holmlund, Jillian Huenink, Reis Kirschenman, Kara Knutson, Kennedi Lien-Martens, Connor McKinney, Ethan McKnelly, Parker Mulder, Sydney Neuhardt, Summer Ochs, Caleb Pendergast, Estella Peterson, Alexander Prebble, Alyssa Sherman, Sydney Sherwood, Jessica Skoog, Maddix Slykhuis, Wyatt Stuntebeck, Blake Thompson, Chloe Unruh, Chase VanTol, Reece Westhoff

11th Grade—Lily Aikman, Amber Aymar, Kiyla Blakey, Connor Cole, Brooke Deckert, Ryan Del Monaco, Connor Eimers, Thaiven Ekthanitphong, Alyssa Giles, Cassidy Gors, Gabriel Grant, Jenna Hageman, Marisa Haupt, Ryen Hawkey, Eliana Heier, Mason Howard, Jeslyn Huinker, Noah Hunter, Meghan Johnson, Kaitlin Kuhnert, Kylie Lottman, Annika Malsom, James Micucci, Caleb Miller, Ean Minnaert, Eric Munson, Jazmyn Nelson, Thomas Ostrem, Maria Qualseth, Jace Rausch, Kellen Sattler, Klayton Sattler, Cole Schilling, Brynn Schupner, Blake Spah, Grace Stansbury, Haylea Stockwell, Josephyne Swanson, Isabel Tapia, Jordan Taylor, Kortney Torgerson, Andrew Tuohino, Edward Unruh, Marcus Vasecka, Derek Venhuizen, Bradley Waltner, Jaxon Weber, McKenzie Widman, Jeffrey Worth

12th Grade—Skylar Call, Haylee Christenson, Caden Ellingson, Arianna Enriquez, David Garner, Adrien Geelan, Hannah Hank, Sydney Hartman, Cameron Jensen, Erika Kint, Thea Klarenbeek, Kennedy Konrad, Cole Kuhnert, Austin Lake, Regan Lardy, Carter McGregor, Noah McKinney, Conner Mulder, Trey Pearson, Devin Pence, Dylan Pence, Brianna Pfeifer, Carson Quigley, Cayden Reiniger, Olivia Ritter, Chase Sommerfeld, Namana Wasesa, Trevor Welch

B Honor Roll

9th Grade—Samuel Almas, Madison Baatz, Ian Benally, Brayden Cambier, Nathan Christensen, Keegan DeYoung, Sophya Elkins, Skyler Haines, Addisyn Hansen, Victor Hartsfield, Ashlyn Kline, Dylan Larsen, Carson Lohr, Noah McGregor, Adrianna McMahon, Andrew Opland, Sophia Pickett, Tysha Rose, Mason Schramm, Elizabeth Spah, Brendan Stanga, Fennell Sworr, Seth Torgerson, Adyson Towns, Brandon Venhuizen, Maxwell Wilken

10th Grade—Zander Allen, Colby Baker, Benjamin Bien, Katie Domagala, Hailey Hermandson, Tobin Hoffman, Olivia Kint, Jonah Kocer, Cadin Larsen, Nicholas Loof, Olivia McCalmont, Emily Morales, Reese Riemenschneider, Matthew Schwebach, Ethan Stainbrook, Noah Therkelsen, Peyton Thompson, Samantha VanTol, Adam Wood

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Deibert recognized by McDonalds as 'Teacher of the Month'

Jennifer Deibert, Tea Area Venture Elementary fifth grade teacher, was recognized by McDonalds as their "McTeacher of the Month". McTeacher awards are given out to teachers who go above and beyond.

Mrs. Deibert is pictured above with her class and pictured at left with her family.

TITANS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Garrett Kolbeck

This week's Titan Athlete of the Week for boys' basketball is Garrett Kolbeck. Garrett, a senior, was nominated by head coach Drew Weber. Garrett has averaged over 18 points and five rebounds in the Titans' last four games.

"Garrett is one of the hardest working players that we have. He has really dedicated himself to getting better and is devoted to team success," said Weber. "Garrett is a two-year starter and captain for us. He rarely has missed a workout in the last two years and has dedicated himself to being the best player possible."

Isaac Johnson

This week's Titan Athlete of the Week for wrestling is Isaac Johnson. Isaac, a junior wrestling at 195 pounds, was nominated by head coach John Niesen. Isaac went 4-1 this week, and earned all three wins by fall.

"Isaac stays flexible and is willing to wrestle coaches when needed at practice," said Niesen. "Isaac has been putting in a ton of individual work both on the mat and in the weight room outside of team activities this season. He constantly asks questions and analyzes mistakes to get better."

Tea Area seniors named Champions of Character

Tea Area's Kennedy Konrad, Garrett Kobleck, Hannah Hank, Carter McGregor, and Ellie Ritter have been selected by their high school administration for their outstanding leadership and character, in and out of the classroom and will serve as role models to their elementary and middle schools students as this year's 2020-21 Champions of Character.

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LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 5, 2021

THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS was brought to order by Chairman Michael Poppens, at 8:34 a.m. on January 5, 2021 with Commissioners Joel Arends, David Gillespie, Jim C. Jibben, Tiffani Landeen, and Jim Schmidt present. Deputy Auditor, Shaun Feilmeier, served as Clerk of the Board. Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, William Golden, was also present.

Commissioner Poppens asked for nominations for Chair for 2021.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Tiffani Landeen as Chair to Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Landeen. Arends: "Nay" Gillespie: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

Commissioner Landeen asked for nominations for Vice Chair for 2021.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Joel Arends as Vice Chair to Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Gillespie. Arends: "Aye" Gillespie: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmidt presented a plaque recognizing Commissioner Gillespie's 12 years of service to the people of Lincoln County. All in attendance offered Gillespie a round of applause in thanks. Commissioner Gillespie then stepped down, and Commissioner Jibben took his seat.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens to approve agenda with the addition to the Consent Agenda as follows: Approve and authorize the Chair and Auditor to execute the Letter of Engagement for the 2019 Audit. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

Payroll:

Commissioner's $4,664.00; FICA 257.61, Medicare 60.26

Auditor's $9,936.81; FICA 519.01, Medicare 121.38, SDRS 596.21

Treasurer's $16,071.55; FICA 911.25, Medicare 213.12, SDRS 964.29

States Attorney's $40,334.41; FICA 2,253.33, Medicare 526.99, SDRS 2,363.27

Gen Gov Bldg $11,508.11; FICA 612.54, Medicare 143.26, SDRS 690.49

DOE $29,984.27; FICA 1,669.45, Medicare 390.43, SDRS 1,761.51

ROD $8,712.28; FICA 464.22, Medicare 108.57, SDRS 483.74

VSO $1,964.80; FICA 98.70, Medicare 23.08, SDRS 117.89

GIS $4,736.00; FICA 259.83, Medicare 60.77, SDRS 284.16

IT $5,531.20; FICA 321.83, Medicare 75.27, SDRS 331.88

HR $2,911.20; FICA 169.57, Medicare 39.66, SDRS 174.67

WIC $305.60; FICA 18.95, Medicare 4.43

Sheriff's $62,356.38; FICA 3,725.18, Medicare 871.24, SDRS 4,306.41

County 4-H $2,739.30; FICA 162.53, Medicare 38.01, SDRS 164.36

P & Z $10,513.52; FICA 617.82, Medicare 144.49, SDRS 630.82

Highway $36,877.58; FICA 2,067.51, Medicare 483.53, SDRS 2,212.64

Communications $22,317.64; FICA 1,284.95, Medicare 300.49, SDRS 1,339.05

EM MGMT $2,848.40; FICA 153.86, Medicare 35.98, SDRS 170.90

Transfer Station $3,346.75; FICA 174.41, Medicare 40.79, SDRS 145.39

24/7 $2,236.80; FICA 108.19, Medicare 25.30, SDRS 178.94

Longevity:

Treasurer's $1,000.00; FICA 62.00, Medicare 14.50, SDRS 60.00

Gen. Gov. Bldg $600.00; FICA 37.20, Medicare 8.70, SDRS 36.00

DOE $2,316.48; SDRS Special Pay Plan 2,316.48

Highway $1,750.00; FICA 108.50, Medicare 25.38, SDRS 105.00

Reports:

The September through December 2020 Transfer Station mileage reports were presented.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens to approve Consent Agenda items. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens to approve Commission Minutes: 12/22/2020. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to apply Field Training Officer differential pay of $0.50/hour for regular working hours to the follow individuals effective 1.01.2021: Sergeant Edward Colshan, Sergeant Aaron Bartscher, Deputy Ashley Landon, Deputy Cory McCloud, Deputy Chris Kuntz. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to apply Civil Deputy differential pay of $1.00/hour to Deputy Scott Gaalswyk effective 1.01.2021. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve application for alcoholic beverage license application 2021 renewal for Double M LLC at Kerslake add W1/2 SE ¼ E1/2 Lot 1A Block 2 24-100-51 Lincoln County South Dakota, a/k/a parcel number 100.50.64.G200. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve affidavit for replacement warrant for Abbie Flying Hawk in the amount of $123.40 for warrant number 30288 issued on 11/24/2020. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to transfer the following inventory from the Sheriff's Office to the Information Technology Department: Item 6216, Havis Computer Docking Station, Serial 28221-0117; Item 6217, Havis Computer Docking Station, Serial 28221-0074; Item 6218, Havis Computer Docking Station, Serial 28221-0081; Item 6219, Havis Computer Docking Station, Serial 28221-0118; Item 6220, Havis Computer Docking Station, Serial 28221-0089; Item 6221, Havis Computer Docking Station, Serial 28221-0103; Item 6222, Havis Computer Docking Station, Serial 28221-0096; Item 6317, Havis Computer Docking Station, Serial 31162313. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Auditor to advertise for sealed bids for surplus County vehicles: two 2003 Sterling M8500 dump trucks & one 1983 IHS tracked crawler/loader, to be due by 10:00 a.m. January 26 and opened that same day at 10:05 a.m. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Auditor to advertise for sealed bids for approximately 1,100 tons of surplus fill dirt to be due by 10:00 a.m. January 26, 2021 and opened that same day at 10:10 a.m. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to authorize Auditor to proceed with the requirements of SDCL 6-16 and SDCL 31-12A in regard to Petition to form Homestead Acres 3rd Addition Road District. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve application for renewal of Commercial Garbage Hauler/Recycling Collection License for 2021 from the following companies: A-OK Sanitary Services, Novak Sanitary Service, and Herm's Sanitation Inc. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Letter of Engagement for the 2019 Audit. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Poppens wished his mother a happy 94th birthday. There were no other comments.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Commissioner Landeen introduced the annual resolutions and appointments for 2021. The Board discussed appointment to various other boards to represent the County.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to make the following appointments for 2021: Southeastern Council of Governments-Executive Board: Jim Schmidt; Southeastern Council of Governments-Executive Board, Alternate: Michael Poppens; Southeastern Council of Governments-Urbanized Development Board1: Tiffani Landeen; Southeastern Council of Governments-Urbanized Development Board2: Jim C. Jibben; Southeastern Council of Governments-Urbanized Development Board, Alternate: Michael Poppens; Emergency Management Communication System Member: Jim Schmidt; Emergency Management Service, Commission: Jim Schmidt; Emergency Management Service, Coordinator: Harold Timmerman; Lincoln County Weed Board: Jim C. Jibben; Southeastern Mental Health Board of Directors: Tiffani Landeen; Southeastern Mental Health Board of Directors, Alternate: Joel Arends; Lincoln County Development: Joel Arends; Lincoln County Development, Alternate: Jim Schmidt; Airport Liaison Board Member: Michael Poppens; Airport Liaison Board Member, Alternate: Jim C. Jibben; JDC Juvenile Board: Jim Schmidt; School/Police Liaison Officer: Jim C. Jibben; School/Police Liaison Officer, Alternate: Michael Poppens; Inter-Lakes Community Action, Inc.: Jim Schmidt; Inter-Lakes Community Action, Inc. Alternate: Michael Poppens; Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors: Jim Schmidt; Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Alternate: Joel Arends, Jim C. Jibben, Tiffani Landeen, Michael Poppens; Planning and Zoning Board: Michael Poppens; Planning and Zoning Board, Alternate: Tiffani Landeen. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Jibben. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to designate and appoint the following as 2021 Legal Newspapers for Lincoln County: The Sioux Valley News, The Lennox independent, The Tea Weekly, The Beresford Republic, and The Argus Leader. MOTION by Poppens and seconded by Schmidt. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to designate and appoint the following as 2021 official depositories of Lincoln County: Farmers State Bank at Canton, Security Savings Bank at Canton, First Bank & Trust at Canton, Reliabank Bank at Tea, First National Bank at Harrisburg, Premier Bank at Hudson, Frontier Bank at Sioux Falls, South Dakota Public Funds Investment Trust (FIT) at Sioux Falls, First National Bank at Sioux Falls, First Bank & Trust Wealth Management Services (TIF #7), US Bank (2013 Leased Acct & 2016 Leased Acct). MOTION by Arends and seconded by Schmidt. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to designate and appoint the 2021 Chattel Mortgage Sale Location for Lincoln County to be in front of the Lincoln County Courthouse at 105 North Main Street in Canton, South Dakota. MOTION by Arends and seconded by Poppens. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED that SDCL §7-7-25 states that the Board of County Commissioners, by Resolution, may authorize county officials to attend educational conferences, meetings, and conventions held and conducted within a 500-mile radius of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 104 N Main, Canton, SD for up to three days, pertaining to the betterment and advancement of county government; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Highway Superintendent, Auditor, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, State's Attorney, Sheriff, County Assessing Officer, Planning and Zoning Director, IT Director, 911 Coordinator, Building Superintendent, and their respective staff, be authorized to attend conferences, meetings, and conventions for the purpose set forth in SDCL §7-7-25 and that the mileage and necessary expenses to attend such be allowed. This Resolution shall be for the fiscal year 2021. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, William Golden, opened discussion on the applicants to the Courthouse Improvement Advisory Committee. In addition to the public representatives, the Committee is to also include a representative from the Sheriff's Office, a representative from the State's Attorney Office, Commissioner Arends, Commissioner Schmidt, the Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, and an Ex Officio representative from the Unified Judicial System. This committee will hold public, live-streamed, and published meetings. The Board directed Golden to contact the newly appointed members of this committee as well as someone from Architects Incorporated in order to set up meeting dates.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to appoint the following Lincoln County residents to the Courthouse Improvement Advisory Committee: Dave Van Nieuwenhuyzen, Betty Otten, Paul Paulson, Larry A. Nelson, and Chad Skiles. MOTION by Arends and seconded by Jibben. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, William Golden, asked for direction from the Board on selecting the firms from the proposals submitted in response to the Indigent Defense RFP. The Board agreed that Commissioner Landeen and Commissioner Arends would meet with Golden to look through the proposals and then have an Executive Session for negotiations at a future date.

PUBLIC HEARING was held as advertised upon application for sale of alcoholic beverages from The Good Earth Farm LLC located at the property legally described as Kroger's Addition, Tr 2C, NW1/4, 28-98-51. The applicant was present and spoke about her business and plans for an event center to host weddings though her business' primary focus is vegetables. One individual from Canton spoke in favor of granting the license saying that the applicant runs a good business. No one spoke in opposition. Commissioner Jibben commented that he spoke with the neighbors and almost all were in favor of the license; one neighbor had concerns about increased traffic.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve application for sale of alcoholic beverages from The Good Earth Farm LLC located at the property legally described as Kroger's Addition, Tr 2C, NW1/4, 28-98-51. MOTION by Jibben and seconded by Schmidt. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, William Golden, informed the Board of the necessary facts pertaining to a request to increase the hourly rate of Qualified Mental Health Professionals for the Mental Illness Board.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to increase the hourly pay for Mental Illness Board Qualified Mental Health Professionals from $90.00 per hour to $110 per hour. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Sheriff Steve Swenson informed the Board of the necessary facts pertaining to two E-911 agreements as well as a jailing contract.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve and authorize the Chair to execute the agreements with the City of Canton and the City of Worthing for E-911 services. MOTION by Jibben and seconded Schmidt. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement for Adult Detention Services between Lincoln County and Union County. MOTION by Arends and seconded by Schmidt. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: John Rombough, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, informed the Board of a request from MJ Electric to store powerline poles on County property either at the Transfer Station or north end of the 4-H grounds. Commissioner Schmidt suggested the revenue for this storage should go towards the 4-H grounds improvements. The Board gave direction to Rombough to move forward and bring more information at a future meeting for approval.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Julia Disburg, Human Resources Director, informed the Board of the necessary facts pertaining to several personnel items.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to promote Becky Vander Broek from Records Clerk to Deputy Register of Deeds in the Register of Deeds Office at $21.39/hour (Grade 107, Step 3) 12/28/2020. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to deny request for an exception to policy for eligibility of Holiday Pay for Jess Wickre in the Register of Deeds Office. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Jibben. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the request for exception to vacation carry-over policy for an additional 6 hours to the 80 hour maximum for Tam Radcliffe for a total of 86 hours to be carried over to 2021. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Poppens. Arends: "Nay" Jibben: "Nay" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to extend current FFCRA provisions to staff through January 31, 2021. MOTION by Poppens and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Commission is committed to attracting citizens of the highest quality to public service by establishing salaries for elected officials based upon the respective duties of each office as well as the fiscal concerns of the county; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective December 20, 2020, the first day of the 2021 payroll year, as approved for the budget for fiscal year 2021, the salary for each member of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners shall be set as follows: $23,732.80 Annual Salary. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to hire Greg DeGrange, as a full-time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office at $24.88/hr (SO1, Step 5) effective 1.11.2021. MOTION by Poppens and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to enter Executive Session at 9:53 a.m. for the purposes of preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives. SDCL 1-25-2(4) and consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters. SDCL 1-25-2(3). MOTION by Arends and seconded by Jibben. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to exit Executive Session at 10:54 a.m. MOTION by Poppens and seconded by Jibben. Arends: "Absent" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to enter Executive Session at 10:56 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term "employee" does not include any independent contractor. SDCL 1-25-2(1). MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Jibben. Arends: "Absent" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to exit Executive Session at 11:32 a.m. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Absent" Schmidt: "Absent" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Shaun Feilmeier, Deputy Auditor, informed the Board that the County did not receive a single bid for the Tax Deed Property legally described as Tract 16 in D&L Industrial Addition in the Southwest Quarter, Section 24, Township 100, Range 51, West of the 5th PM, Lincoln County, South Dakota, parcel number 100.50.64.K016. The Board directed Feilmeier to seek clarification on next steps from the State's Attorney Office. Feilmeier also asked for an amendment to the travel resolution previously passed in this meeting.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to add the Human Resources Director, GIS Director, Veteran Services Officer, and 4-H Advisor to the travel resolution previously passed during this meeting so it reads as follows: RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED that SDCL §7-7-25 states that the Board of County Commissioners, by Resolution, may authorize county officials to attend educational conferences, meetings, and conventions held and conducted within a 500-mile radius of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 104 N Main, Canton, SD for up to three days, pertaining to the betterment and advancement of county government; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Highway Superintendent, Auditor, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, State's Attorney, Sheriff, County Assessing Officer, Planning and Zoning Director, IT Director, 911 Coordinator, Building Superintendent, Human Resources Director, GIS Director, 4-H Advisor, and their respective staff, be authorized to attend conferences, meetings, and conventions for the purpose set forth in SDCL §7-7-25 and that the mileage and necessary expenses to attend such be allowed. This Resolution shall be for the fiscal year 2021. MOTION by Arends and seconded by Jibben. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Absent" Schmidt: "Absent" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

MOTION by Jibben and seconded by Arends to adjourn at 11:34 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on January 12, 2021. Arends: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye" Poppens: "Absent" Schmidt: "Absent" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

/s/ Tiffani Landeen, Lincoln County Chair

Attest: /s/ Shaun Feilmeier, Deputy Auditor

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2021 Lincoln County Asphalt Surface Treatment
Lincoln County, South Dakota

Sealed Bids will be received by Lincoln County, South Dakota until 10:00 AM local time on Wednesday the 3rd day of February, 2021 for the above referenced project. Bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents. Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids as set forth in the Bidding Documents.

At or shortly after the time named above and within the office of the Lincoln County Highway Superintendent, such Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed by Lincoln County at a subsequent meeting of the Lincoln County Commissioners.

The Project includes the following Work:

Chip Seal Asphalt Concrete
Fog Seal Asphalt Concrete
Additional items as set forth in the Contract Documents.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Documents. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide Payment and Performance Bonds as described in the Bidding Documents.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the locations listed:

Lincoln County, SD
104 N Main Street Suite B150
Canton, SD 57013
Ph: 605-764-5841

Clark Engineering Corp
1410 W Russell St
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Ph: 605-331-2505

Clark Engineering Corp
3314 Milwaukee Ave NE, Ste 2
Aberdeen, SD 57401
Ph: 605-225-3494

The Bidding Documents may also be examined at the following locations: Sioux Falls Builders Exchange or Plains Builders Exchange both in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

An electronic copy of the Plans and Specifications on a compact disc may be obtained from the Sioux Falls office of Clark Engineering Corporation upon payment of $40.00 to Clark Engineering for shipping and handling or Plans and Specifications may be downloaded from the http://www.clark-docs.com web site upon a payment of $20.00. A printed 11" x 17" size set of Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Sioux Falls office of Clark Engineering Corporation upon payment of $100.00 to Clark Engineering for shipping and handling. All payments are non-refundable. Upon request, one copy of Plans and Specifications shall be furnished, without charge, to each Contractor resident in South Dakota who intends, in good faith, to bid upon the project.

A pre-bid conference will not be held.

BY:
Sheri Lund
Lincoln County Auditor
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Cold Milling Asphalt Concrete.
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people in the library, so instead of hosting story time in person Wipf dressed up as different characters and performed story time virtually. The story times are then available on the Tea Community Library Facebook page.

Wipf even recorded a few story times over Christmas break, to offer something for her young readers since Santa wasn't able to visit the library. Wipf said that Santa hasn't missed a year in the past 15 years, until 2020.

Although the past year has been challenging, Wipf appreciates everyone's patience.

She said, "The Tea community is a great place to work. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the pandemic. Together, we will get through it. Go Titans!"

LINCOLN COUNTY

ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed bids for **Lincoln County Highway Maintenance Building Exhaust System Improvements** project will be received by the Lincoln County Auditor, 104 North Main Street, Suite 110, Canton, South Dakota, 57013, until **2:00 p.m. prevailing time on Tuesday, February 2, 2021**. The bids will be opened and read aloud.

All bids shall be made in accordance with forms and specifications attached to and made a part of the proposed contract documents. Contract documents and Specifications have been placed on file at the Lincoln County Auditor's Office and may be examined and be obtained at the office of Architecture Incorporated, 415 S. Main, Sioux Falls, SD 57101. All bids and contracts shall be made in accordance with and subject to SDCL 5-18A, 5-18B, 5-18C, 5-18D, 5-21, 5-22 and the provisions set forth in the specifications. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, and to waive any irregularities.

Terry Fluit
of Lincoln County, South Dakota
Sheri Lund
Lincoln County Auditor
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CITY OF TEA

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF TEA

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

Councilmember Ward I (Sidney Munson) – Two Year Term
Councilmember Ward II (Casey Voelker) – Two Year Term
Councilmember Ward III (Chuck Ortmeier) – Two Year Term
Councilmember Ward III (vacant) - One Year Term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 29th, 2021 and petitions may be filed in the office of the finance officer located at 600 E. 1st St. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central standard time not later than the 26th day of February, 2021, or mailed by registered mail not later than the 26th day of February 2021, at 5:00 p.m. central time.

Dawn R. Murphy
Finance Officer
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TEA AREA SCHOOLS

Tea Area School District #41-5 Unapproved Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting – January 11, 2021

The Tea Area School District #41-5 Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Kristen Daggett at 6:29pm at the District Education Center, 131 N. Poplar Avenue in Tea, SD. Board members present: President Kristen Daggett, Vice President Conrad Pick, Jason Bennett, Tara Johanneson, Brett Waltner, and HS Student Council Representative Ben Daggett. Quorum present. Administrators present: Superintendent Jennifer Lowery and Business Manager Christine Esping.

Conrad Pick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

All actions are unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

Action 1-0121: Motion by Pick, second by Waltner to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Conflict Disclosure – None to present.

Public Input – None.

Consent Agenda

Action 2-0121: Motion by Johanneson, second by Pick to approve the consent agenda including the following items: minutes of the regular meeting held on December 14; the December 2020 financial and payroll reports; and the January 2021 claims for approval. Motion carried.

DECEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT:

GENERAL FUND: Beginning Balance $2,174,008.84, Receipts $1,151,732.32, Disbursements $943,777.78,

Ending Balance $ 2,381,963.38 Revenue Summary: Local Sources $177,327.93, County Sources $3,731.39,

State Sources $825,673.00, Federal Sources $145,000.00 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Beginning Balance ($1,862.54), Receipts $89,161.47, Disbursements $808,646.00, Ending Balance ($721,347.07), Revenue Summary:

Local Sources $89,161.47, County/State/Federal Sources $0.00 SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Beginning Balance $642,594.01, Receipts $237,781.01, Disbursements $210,034.52, Ending Balance $670,340.50 Revenue Summary: Local Sources $64,009.01, State Sources $173,772.00, County/Federal Sources $0.00 BOND REDEMPTION FUND: Beginning Balance $1,717,414.98, Receipts $116,565.17, Disbursements $1,325,829.38,

Ending Balance $508,150.77 Revenue Summary: Local Sources $116,565.17, County/State/Federal Sources $0.00,

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Beginning Balance $216,319.98, Receipts $298.00, Disbursements $75,792.10,

Ending Balance $140,825.88 Revenue Summary: Local Sources $298.00, County/State/Federal Sources $0.00,

SPROUTS/TASK FUND: Beginning Balance $68,956.43, Receipts $27,086.30, Disbursements $27,915.45,

Ending Balance $68,127.28 Revenue Summary: Local Sources $26,486.90, County/Federal Sources $0.00, State Sources $599.40 TRUST & AGENCY FUND: Beginning Balance $56,902.81, Receipts $37,015.68, Disbursements $14,539.95, Ending Balance $79,378.54 Revenue Summary: Local Sources $37,015.68, County/State/Federal Sources $0.00 FLEXIBLE SPENDING FUND: Beginning Balance $26,326.68, Receipts $6,512.14, Disbursements $12,350.53, Ending Balance $20,488.29 Revenue Summary: Local Sources $$6,512.14,

County/State/Federal Sources $0.00

DECEMBER 2020 PAYROLL REPORT:

GENERAL FUND: Salaries $733,540.51, Benefits $185,607.89 SPECIAL EDUCATION: Salaries $176,903.80,

Benefits $ 48,524.55 Food Service Fund: Salaries $35,973.23, Benefits $ 8,742.22 TASK/Sprouts Fund: Salaries $24,516.27, Benefits $4,569.24

JANUARY 2021 CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND: A & B AUTO SPECIALISTS, DEC 2020 BUS REPAIRS, 13,224.03; A & M LAUNDRY INC, SEPT 2020 RUG/MOP RENTAL, 754.13; ACE HARDWARE-SIOUX FALLS, ICE SCRAPERS, 27.18; ACE HARDWARE-TEA, DEC 2020 CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 1,042.32; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, 211.93; APPLE INC, IPAD 10PK WIFI 32GB, 2,940.00; ARGUS LEADER INC, DECEMBER NEWSPAPERS, 44.00; ATS INC-GARY PETERSON, RESET PHONES AFTER POWER FAILURE, 95.00; BATTERIES PLUS, REPLACE BATTERY ON LIFT, 197.95; CARROLL INSTITUTE, JANUARY 2020 DRUG & ALCOHOL PREVENTION, 515.00; CITY GLASS & GLAZING INC, REPLACE BROKEN WINDOW, 519.55; COLE PAPERS INC, DEC 2020 PAPER, 2,982.28; CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES LLC, LENEL LICENSE RENEWAL 11/17/20-7/2/21 & REPAIRS, 1,391.37; CURTIS 1000 INC, BUSINESS OFFICE CHECKS, 1,272.13; D & D SMALL ENGINE REPAIR & SALES LLC, ELECTRIC STARTER - SNOW BLOWER REPAIR, 96.25; DAIKIN APPLIED, MS CHILLER REPAIRS, 532.58; DEMCO INC, LABELS, 53.37; DINGMAN, TIMOTHY, AUGUST-DECEMBER 2020 RT MILEAGE, 65.00; ECO/LINDSAY WATER CONDITIONING, JANUARY 2021 WATER COOLER RENT, 8.00; FIRST STREET STORAGE, JANUARY 2021 STORAGE UNIT #23 RENT, 60.00; HANDER INC PLUMBING AND HEATING, REPAIR LEAK ON HEAT LINE-VENTURE, 1,324.06; HAUFF MID-AMERICA SPORTS, MANAGER PINS, 26.00; HILLYARD, DEC 2020 CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES & SCRUB RIDER, 14,550.96; IMPREST ACCOUNT, DECEMBER 2020 IMPREST CHARGES, 6,237.30; INNOVATIVE, DEC 2020 CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 999.40; JAIXEN, LINDSEY, AUGUST TO DECEMBER 2020 RT MILEAGE, 212.50; JH LARSON COMPANY, LIGHT BULBS & TAMPER PROOF LIGHT SWITCHES, 602.60; JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY LLC, EXCISE TAX DUE ON INVOICE 203268/271/279, 22.34; JW PEPPER & SON INC, DEC 2020 HS BAND MUSIC, 87.93; MARCO, DECEMBER 2020 COPY SERVICE, 5,226.33; MD ENGRAVING, FOOTBALL AWARDS, 186.00; MENARDS EAST, DEC PAINT SUPPLIES, 77.02; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, 10/27/20-11/25/20 GAS SERVICE, 7,057.97; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS, 12/10/20-01/09/21 PHONE SERVICE FRONTIER, 310.60; NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS, BELT FOR ROOFTOP EXHAUST, 34.75; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, FUEL CAP - TOOLCAT, 19.07; OCONNOR COMPANY, HVAC FILTERS, 6,027.71; PLAYSCRIPTS INC, HS PLAY SCRIPTS, 148.67; PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC, GAS & NOV/DEC 2020 CYLINDER RENT, 449.29; QUALIFIED PRESORT SERVICE LLC, DECEMBER 2020 MAIL SERVICE, 200.79; RAUSCH, GLEN, SDHSAA COACHING TESTS REIMBURSEMENT, 70.00; RBS SANITATION INC, DECEMBER GARBAGE CHARGES, 1,091.58; READING BUS LINE INC, CHARTER BUS FOR VB PLAYOFFS, 1,360.00; SAMS CLUB, DECEMBER 2020 DISTRICT SUPPLIES, 88.13; SAVVAS LEARNING COMPANY LLC, ENVISION MATHMATICS 2020 GRADES 1-3 & ELA 11TH GRADE, 1,046.36; SCALE CENTER INC, CERTIFY WRESTLING SCALE, 408.25; SCHMITT MUSIC, SCHOOL HORN REPAIRS, 1,395.00; SCHOOL SPECIALTY, DEC 2020 CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, 1,017.49; SEALPROS INC, FRONTIER & HS PARKING LOT SEAL/CRACK SEALING, 5,342.05; SETON, CTE RR SIGNAGE, 34.00; SIOUX FALLS UTILITIES, 12/2/20-1/4/21 WATER/SEWER FRONTIER, 231.21; SOFTWARE UNLIMITED INC, CUSTOM REPORT SALARY & BENEFIT 8/20/20, 400.00; SONOVA, ROGER PEN/ROGER X RECEIVER, 4,441.99; SUPLES LTD INC, SPEED DUMMY FOR WRESTLING, 1,901.00; SVANDA, KYLE, CDL INSTRUCTION PERMIT REIMBURSEMENT, 63.00; THORNTON FLOORING, FLOORING & INSTALL DEC OFFICE, 9,469.62; UPS, DECEMBER SHIPPING CHARGES, 1.32; VAST, 12/28/20-01/27/21 PHONE SERVICE, 2,203.03; VERIZON WIRELESS, 11/29/20-12/28/20 CELL PHONE SERVICE, 126.72; WALDER, TOM, FINGERPRINTS 12/10/20, 40.00; WEX BANK, DECEMBER 2020 FUEL CARD PURCHASES, 90.27; WOODS,FULLER,SHULTZ & SMITH PC, NOVEMBER 2020 LEGAL SERVICES, 193.05; XCEL ENERGY, 11/15/20-12/15/20 ELECTRIC SERVICE, 24,816.05 GENERAL FUND TOTAL: 125,663.48 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: DELLS AUTO INC, 2018 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN, 37,633.00; VIKING GLASS INC, NEW DOOR FOR HS, 9,580.00 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND TOTAL: 47,213.00 SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, WEIGHTED LAP PADS/VESTS, 727.59; BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE, LUMBER FOR SPED SWING, 79.74; CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY, NOVEMBER TUITION/OT, 15,209.04; EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES INC, MEDICAID BILLING JULY-DEC 2020, 1,053.41; FUN AND FUNCTION, WEIGHTED COMPRESSION VESTS, 299.34; MENARDS, LUMBER FOR SPED SWING, 251.03; NCS PEARSON INC, SPED TESTING MATERIALS, 183.75; PROCHEM DYNAMICS LLC, LARGE GLOVES, 189.00; SAMS CLUB, DECEMBER 2020 SUPPLIES, 185.97; SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DECEMBER 2020 NON FED MATCH, 2,153.66; SOUTHPAW ENTERPRISES, ADULT CUDDLE SWING, 224.58; UNIVERSAL PEDIATRICS-UPSI, NOV 2020 SPED NURSING SERVICES, 1,512.50; VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, DAKOTAS, DECEMBER 2020 SPED TUITION, 805.07 SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND TOTAL: 22,874.68 FOOD SERVICE FUND: APPEARA, DEC 2020 LINEN SERVICE, 35.00; EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY INC, DECEMBER 2020 MILK FOR RESALE, 4,600.41; FLASKEY, CHAD, LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCE REFUND, 114.51; HANSON, AMANDA, AUGUST-DECEMBER 2020 MILEAGE REIMB, 30.00; HOBERT, AMBER, LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCE REFUND, 133.85; PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO, DECEMBER 2020 FOOD FOR RESALE, 1,077.45; PRESTOX, DECEMBER 2020 PEST CONTROL, 207.00; RBS SANITATION INC, DECEMBER 2020 GARBAGE CHARGES, 463.88; REINHART FOOD SERVICE, DECEMBER 2020 FOOD FOR RESALE, 31,638.35; SCHAEFFER, CHAD, LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND, 102.30 FOOD SERVICE FUND TOTAL: 38,402.75 SPROUTS/TASK FUND: ACE HARDWARE-TEA, PAINT SUPPLIES, 64.49; AT&T, 11/16/20-12/15/20 TASK CELL PHONE, 98.66; HILLYARD, HAND SOAP, 45.56; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, 10/27/20-11/25/20 GAS SERVICE, 98.53; SAMS CLUB-TASK, DECEMBER 2020 FOOD & SUPPLIES, 719.74; VAST, 12/28/20-01/27/21 PHONE SERVICE, 287.01; XCEL ENERGY, 11/15/20-12/15/20 ELECTRIC SERVICE, 476.28 SPROUTS/TASK FUND TOTAL: 1,790.27 TRUST & AGENCY FUND: AHRENDT DESIGNS, STATE SHIRTS - GIRLS SOCCER, 1,325.00; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, PRO USB DOCUMENT CAMERA FOR WINDOWS, 192.89; BIERSCHBACH, AL, REFEREE VAR/JV WRESTLING QUAD, 298.00; BOMHOFF, BRAD, REFEREE VARSITY G VS DELL RAPIDS 1/2/21, 80.00; BREG INC, KNEE BRACES, 2,400.00; BRYANT, TYLER, REFEREE VAR/JV WRESTLING QUAD, 250.00; CENTRAL FORENSICS CONFERENCE, ENTRY FEE FOR 2 OR MORE CONFERENCES, 100.00; CHESTERMAN COMPANY, NOVEMBER 2020 POP MACHINES, 387.73; CLAYBERG, CRAIG, REIMBURSEMENT, 150.00; CORE-MARK MIDCONTINENT INC, CONCESSIONS RESALE ITEMS, 234.72; DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, 11 BACKGROUND CHECKS, 519.00; DYKSTRA, ZACH, REFEREE 7TH MS GBB VS GEORGE MCGOVERN, 60.00; ELK POINT JEFFERSON, REGION 4A VB SHARE OF LOSS, 439.50; FAREWAY MEAT & GROCERY, 71 - $30 GIFT CARDS FOR ANGEL TREE, 2,130.00; FINK, KOLN, REFEREE VAR/JV WRESTLING, 175.00; FORTIN, ROD, REFEREE VAR/JV WRESTLING QUAD, 250.00; FREDENBURG, JAROD, REFEREE VARSITY G VS DELL RAPIDS 1/2/21, 80.00; GERRY, BRIAN, REFEREE VAR B/G BB VS DAKOTA VALLEY, 140.00; GILBERT, JANICE, PICTURE FRAMES FOR SENIOR CHOIR COLLAGE, 16.98; GOEBEL, JESSE, REFEREE 8TH MS GBB VS HARRISBURG, 60.00; HAUGLID, TOM, REFEREE JV/V GBB VS MC/M, 146.04; HONEY, JASON, REFEREE C/JV GBB VS DELL RAPIDS, 135.00; HYVEE, 500 COOKIES/6 TUBS OF FROSTING-LEGACY, 280.00; JANISCH, CHRIS, REFEREE VAR B/G BB VS DAKOTA VALLEY, 140.00; JASTRAM, TERRY, REFEREE VAR B/G VS DELL RAPIDS, 140.00; KELLENBERGER, ADAM, REFEREE VAR B/G VS DELL RAPIDS, 140.00; KVISTERO, AARON, REFEREE VARSITY G VS DELL RAPIDS 1/2/21, 340.00; LEISINGER, TYLER, REFEREE C GBB VS MC/M, 45.00; LOUWAGIE, SCOTT, REFEREE 2 C GAMES VS LENNOX, 225.00; MALATERRE, DON, REFEREE 8TH MS GBB VS HARRISBURG, 180.00; MD ENGRAVING, BOYS GOLF AWARDS, 114.60; MONARCH SALES, BOYS SOCCER PLAQUE/ENGRAVING, 156.00; MULDER, BRIAN, REFEREE 7TH MS GBB VS PATRICK HENRY, 60.00; PARKSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL, ENTRY FEE MS WRESTLING, 25.00; PIZZA RANCH, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CONCESSIONS, 588.50; PLIMPTON, KOBY, REFEREE 2 C GAMES VS LENNOX, 315.00; PODHRADSKY, HAROLD, REFEREE 7TH MS GBB VS WHITTIER, 60.00; POPPY POPCORN, 1 SMALL BULK POPCORN, 29.99; POSTMA, BUD, REFEREE VAR/JV WRESTLING, 521.72; SAMS CLUB, MICROWAVE, 146.24; SANFORD PENTAGON, TICKETS FOR GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME, 330.00; SDHSAA-SOUTH DAKOTA HS ACTIVITIES ASSOC, EXTRA MEDALS - STATE FOOTBALL, 90.00; SDMEA, MS ALL STATE BAND REGISTRATION, 112.00; SMITH, DAVID, REFEREE 7TH MS GBB VS PATRICK HENRY, 120.00; SPELLMEYER, PATRICK, REFEREE VAR B/G VS DELL RAPIDS, 140.00; SUDENGA, JASON, REFEREE JV/V GBB VS MC/M, 120.00; SWEETER, DREW, REFEREE C/JV BBB VS DELL RAPIDS, 180.00; VAN BEEK, ALLEN, REFEREE 7 CB GBB VS HARRISBURG, 120.00; VANDRONGLEN, MIKE, REFEREE 7TH GBB VS BRANDON, 60.00; WELCH, DEAN, TIMER WRESTLING 12/12/20 & 12/15/20, 60.00; WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT, SCHOOL SHARES SUB STATE VB 11/11/20, 41.04; ZELME, MARK, REFEREE 7TH GBB VS HARRISBURG, 30.00 TRUST & AGENCY FUND TOTAL: 14,479.95

Business Manager Report – No report.

Old Business

COVID-19 Operations Update

COVID Response Team – A vaccine question and answer document along with resources about the vaccine are being provided to staff.

COVID Leave – Federal COVID leave expired at the end of December. Administration recommended extending COVID related sick leave to qualifying staff through March 31, 2021.

Action 3-0121: Motion by Johanneson, second by Pick to extend COVID leave as presented through March 31, 2021. Motion carried.

New Business

Resignations

Action 4-0121: Motion by Johanneson, second by Pick to accept the resignation of Cindy Ward, Bus Driver. Motion carried.

New Hires

Action 5-0121: Motion by Johanneson, second by Pick to approve the new hire of Andrew McCormick, MS Boys Basketball ($2,317). Motion carried.

Set Board of Education Election Date

Action 6-0121: Motion by Johanneson, second by Pick to set the election date as June 22, 2021. Motion carried.

Action 7-0121: Motion by Johanneson, second by Waltner to amend the prior motion and set the election date as June 15, 2021. Motion carried.

Superintendent Report

Public School Exemptions – None to present.

Donations – Vern Eide provided a wonderful snack in the lounges across the District for faculty and staff.

Academic Update – Dr. Warzecha provided an update on student test scores and the Online Academy.

December 1 Update – Mrs. Taylor shared the district is serving 278 students in Special Education, which is an increase of 23 from the 2019 count. She also reviewed programs offered and staffing.

Board Committee Reports

TASK – No report.

Library – No report.

Sprouts – Registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year.

Legislative – No report.

Construction/Land – Met on January 4 to review development within the district, projected increase in enrollment from the development, and current building capacity.

Finance – No report, will meet in February.

Continuous School Improvement – Dr. Gayle will be on-site on January 18 to work with a committee to develop Standards of Excellence for the district.

Executive Session

Action 8-0121: Motion by Pick, second by Johanneson to enter into executive session at 7:15pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1 for Personnel. Motion carried.

President Daggett declared executive session over at 8:11pm.

Superintendent Contract

Action 9-0121: Motion by Pick, second by Bennet to extend Dr. Lowery's contract through 2023-2024. Motion carried.

New Hire

Action 10-0121: Motion by Waltner, second by Johanneson to approve the hire of Jayne Valnes, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent ($20.50/hr). Motion carried.

Adjourn

Action 11-0121: Motion by Johanneson, second by Waltner to adjourn at 8:13pm. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Education will be Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30pm at the District Education Center located at 131 N. Poplar Avenue in Tea, SD.

Approved this ____ day of February, 2021.

Kristen Daggett, President

Christine Esping, Business Manager

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CITY OF TEA

City of Tea Regular Meeting January 4, 2021

A regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on January 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor John Lawler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the following members present: Sidney Munson (via Zoom), Jim Erck (via Zoom), Chuck Ortmeier, Casey Voelker (via Zoom) and Joe Weis. Also present: Finance Officer Dawn Murphy and City Administrator Dan Zulkosky.

AGENDA. MOTION 21-01. MOTION by Ortmeier, seconded by Weis to approve the January 4, 2021 agenda. All members voted AYE.

CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION 21-02. MOTION by Ortmeier, seconded by Munson to approve the following January 4, 2021 consent agenda items:

Approval of December 21, 2020 Minutes

Approval of January 4, 2021 Claims

Publishing of the following employee salaries pursuant to SDCL 6-1-10: Dan Zulkosky, City Administrator, $96,497 annual salary; Dawn Murphy, Finance Officer, $72,450 annual salary; Thad Konrad, Utility Superintendent, $74,571 annual salary; Kevin Nissen, Planning & Zoning Administrator, $31.06 per hour; Lenny Przybys, maintenance/utilities, $27.75 per hour; Kelly Keehn, maintenance/utilities, $21.50 per hour; Dwight Van Zee, Maintenance/utilities, $19.06 per hour; Spencer Curtis, $19.00 per hour; Colin Murphy, Office Assistance, $18.00 per hour; Steven Oberle, maintenance/utilities, $22.16 per hour; Brian Tvedt, Police Officer, $25.85 per hour; Jessica Quigley, Police Chief, $71,820 annual salary; Adrian Hoesli, Police Officer, $22.05 per hour; Brian Crosby, Police Officer $23.94 per hour; Vance Siemonsma, Police Officer, $23.94 per hour; Parker Christensen, Police Officer $21.50 per hour; Alexi Miranda, $21.00 per hour; Part-time Police Officers: Terry Anderson, Mark Russell, Justin Quigley, Andrew Steinberg and Steven Lowry, $19.95 per hour; Councilmembers $150.00 per regular meeting, $60.00 per special meeting; Mayor, $1,000.00 per month; Zoning Board Members $75.00 per meeting.

All members voted AYE.

There were no public comments.

JESSE FONKERT, Executive Director for Lincoln County Economic Development Association (LEDCA) informed the Council that their organization will be doing some reorganizing withing the next couple of months and combining LEDCA and Minnehaha County Economic Development Association. They are also looking at adding an additional position to assist with local economic development organizations. Participating cities would be guaranteed a certain number of hours and would share in the cost of this employee.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TEA AND LINCOLN COUNTY. Lincoln County has offered to enter into an agreement to assist the City with building inspections when the City inspector is unavailable. MOTION 21-03. MOTION by Voelker, seconded by Erck to approve the Joint Powers Agreement Between Lincoln County and The City of Tea Regarding the Provision of Building Inspection Services. The agreement is on file at City Hall.

85TH ST. ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT. MOTION 21-04. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to approve the Contract Amendment to Add Scope and Fee for Engineering Construction Administration Services, City of Tea, 85th Street Elevated Water Storage Tank, in an amount not to exceed 72,297.00. All members voted AYE.

HDR ON CALL ENGINEERING AGREEMENT. MOTION 21-05. MOTION by Munson, seconded by Ortmeier to approve the 2021 On-Call Municipal Engineering Services Agreement Between the City of Tea and HDR Engineering. All members voted AYE.

85TH ST. TOWER PAY APPLCIATION 4. MOTION 21-06. MOTION by Erck, seconded by Weis to approve the 85th St. Elevated Water Storage Tank Pay Application 4, Maguire Iron, $281,385.00. All members voted AYE.

GATEWAY BOULEVARD PAY APPLICATION 1. MOTION 21-07. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to approve Gateway Boulevard Pay Application 1, D & G Concrete Construction Inc., $302,939.71. All members voted AYE.

RESOLUTION 21-01-01. MOTION 21-08. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to approve the following resolution. All members voted AYE.

CITY OF TEA

RESOLUTION 21-01-01

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL TAX CLASSIFICATION.

WHEREAS, SDCL 10-6-35.4 provides the municipalities may adopt a formula pursuant to SDCL 10-6-35.2 for reduction taxation if the Board of County Commissioners has not adopted such a formula; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tea is desirous of adopting a discretionary formula for reduced taxation for certain new structures and additions to existing structures, within the City,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Tea that pursuant to SDCL 10-6-35.1 and 10-6-35.2 that the following classifications of real property shall be, and hereby are, specifically classified for the purpose of taxation pursuant to SDCL 10-6-35.2:

Any new industrial or commercial structure, or any addition, renovation, or reconstruction to an existing structure, located within a designated urban renewal area as defined in SDCL 11–8–4, if the new structure, addition, renovation, or reconstruction has a full and true value of thirty thousand dollars or more;

Any new industrial structure, including a power generation facility, or an addition to an existing structure, if the new structure or addition has a full and true value of thirty thousand dollars or more;

Any new nonresidential agricultural structure, or any addition to an existing structure, if the new structure or addition has a full and true value of ten thousand dollars or more;

Any new commercial structure, or any addition to an existing structure, except a commercial residential structure as described in subdivision (5), if the new structure or addition has a full and true value of thirty thousand dollars or more;

Any new commercial residential structure, or addition to an existing structure, containing four or more units, if the new structure or addition has a full and true value of thirty thousand dollars or more; Any new affordable housing structure containing four or more units with a monthly rental rate of the units at or below the annually calculated rent for the state's sixty percent area median income being used by the South Dakota Housing Development Authority, for a minimum of ten years following the date of first occupancy, if the structure has a full and true value of thirty thousand dollars or more;

Any new residential structure, or addition to or renovation of an existing structure, located within a redevelopment neighborhood established pursuant to SDCL 10–6–56 if the new structure, addition, or renovation has a full and true value of five thousand dollars or more. The structure shall be located in an area defined and designated as a redevelopment neighborhood based on conditions provided in SDCL 11–7–2 or 11– 7–3; or

Any commercial, industrial, or nonresidential agricultural property which increases more than ten thousand dollars in full and true value as a result of reconstruction or renovation of the structure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all new structures or additions classified above shall be assessed as follows for tax purposes:

20% of the assessed value for the first year;

40% of the assessed value for the second year;

60% of the assessed value for the third year;

80% of the assessed value for the fourth year;

100% of the assessed value for the fifth year and all years thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council may, if requested by the owner of any of the above described property, not apply the above formula, in which case the full assessment shall be made without application of the formula. In waiving this formula for the structure of one owner, the City Council is not prohibited from applying the formula for subsequent new structures by that owner;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for purpose of this Ordinance, the assessed valuation during any of the five years may not be less than the assessed valuation of the property year preceding the first year of the tax years following construction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any structure that is partially constructed on the assessment date may be valued for tax purposes pursuant to this Ordinance and the valuation may not be less than the assessed valuation of the property in the year preceding the beginning of construction; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following the five-year period under this section, the property shall be assessed at the same percentage as is all other property for tax purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution appeals City of Tea Ordinance 149 and shall continue until terminated by resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective for taxes payable 2021.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2020.

John M. Lawler, Mayor

Attest: Dawn R. Murphy Finance Officer

2020 CASH TRANSFER. MOTION 21-09. MOTION by Munson, seconded by Erck to approve the following cash transfers for 12/31/2020. All members voted AYE.

Transfer the remaining cash balance, $56,850.21, from 271st St. Capital Project Fund #514 to Second Penny Sales Revenue Fund #212.

Forgive the loan from 2nd Penny Sales Tax Fund #212 to 271st Capital Project Fund#514 and Close 271st St. Capital Project Fund 514.

Operating transfer, $340,000.00 from Second Penny Sales Tax Fund #212 to St. Maintenance Fund 221

Operating loan, $1,620,000.00, from Second Penny Sales Tax Fund #212 to Gateway Boulevard Capital Project Fund 515

Operating loan, $150,000.00. from General Fund 101 to Water Fund 601.

BUDGET SUPPLEMENT. MOTION 21-09. MOTION by Voelker, seconded Erck to approve an automatic budget supplement, $58,305.14, to department 4220, Fire Department for equipment purchased with COVID Recovery Grant Funds and donated to the Tea Fire Department. All members voted AYE.

MOTION 21-10. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to go into executive session at 8:23 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1 (1) Personnel. Councilmember Munson excused himself from executive session. All members voted AYE. Council came out of executive session at 8:42 pm.

MOTION 21-11. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to approve the following pay increases and to offer dental and vision coverage on a voluntary basis. All members voted AYE. Dan Zulkosky, City Administrator from $96,497 annual salary to 100,356.88 annual salary; Dawn Murphy, Finance Officer from $72,450 annual salary to $75,348.00 annual salary; Thad Konrad, Utility Superintendent from $74,571 annual salary to $77,553.84; Kevin Nissen, Planning & Zoning Administrator from $31.06 per hour to $32.30 per hour; Lenny Przybys, maintenance/utilities from $27.75 per hour to $28.86 per hour; Kelly Keehn, maintenance/utilities from $21.50 per hour to $22.36 per hour; Dwight Van Zee, Maintenance/utilities from $19.06 per hour to $19.82 per hour; Spencer Curtis from $19.00 per hour to $19.76 per hour; Colin Murphy, Office/Park and Recreation Assistant from $18.00 per hour to $19.50 per hour effective December 1, 2020; Steven Oberle, maintenance/utilities from $22.16 per hour to$23..05 per hour; Brian Tvedt, Police Officer from $25.85 per hour to $26.88 per hour; Jessica Quigley, Police Chief from $71,820 annual salary to $74,692.80 annual salary; Adrian Hoesli, Police Officer from $22.05 per hour to $22.93 per hour; Brian Crosby, Police Officer from $23.94 per hour to $24.90 per hour; Vance Siemonsma, Police Officer from $23.94 per hour to $24.90 per hour; Parker Christensen, Police Officer from $21.50 per hour to $22.36 per hour.

MOTION 21-12. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Voelker to adjourn at 8:44 pm. All members voted AYE.

John M. Lawler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer

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LEGISLATIVE 4111—Independent Publishing Publishing 318.38; CITY ADMINISTRATOR 4122—City Management Association 2021 Dues 150.00; FINANCE 4142—Independent Publishing Publishing Annual Reports 793.26; Innovative 1/3 supplies 260.10; SD Government Finance Officers' Assoc. 2021 Dues 40.00; SD Governmental Human Resource Association 2021 Dues 25.00; SDML 2021 Dues 2,929.41; SDML Workman's Comp 2021 workman's comp insurance 1,191.80; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield January insurance 9,326.87; Williams & Company Audit pmt 5,295.00; LIBRARY 4550—ASCAP Music licensing 367.00; Barnes & Noble Books 1,716.49; Verizon Internet 40.01; PLANNING & ZONING 4650—Independent Publishing Publishing 132.45; Lincoln County Register of Deeds Plats 135.00; Robertson, Steve Nov & Dec Inspections 5,750.00; SD Association of Code Enforcement 2021 Dues 40.00; SECOG 2021 Dues 5,143.00; PROMOTING THE CITY 4653 ; Tea Area Community Foundation 2020 Contribution 2,000.00; GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS 4192—Verizon Phones 262.14; RBS Sanitation 1/1-3/31 Garbage 616.87; Xcel Energy Maint Bldg 140.57; Xcel Energy 200 W. Maple 86.62; Xcel Energy 600 E. 1st St 870.15; PUBLIC SAFETY 4210—Auto Dynamics Inc. Repair 2015 car 1,095.11; Crosby, Brian Reimburse for boots 162.92; Frantzen Reporting Transcription fee 84.00; Hoesli, Adrian Travel expenses 192.82; Novus Glass Repair windshield 325.00; Olson, Joann Cleaning 150.00; O'Reilly Parts 5.61; RBS Sanitation 1/1-3/31 garbage service 198.50; SD Police Chiefs' Association 2021 Dues 100.33; SDML Workman's Comp 2021 workman's comp insurance 14,962.88; Verizon Phones 399.91; Xcel Service 199.92; Xcel Poplar siren 19.78; FIRE DEPARTMENT 4220—Motorola Solutions Radios (CARES Act reimbursement) 41,302.20; Two Way Solutions Inc. Program radios (CARES Act reimbursement) 2,250.00; HIGHWAY/STREET 4312—Cenex 1/3 gasoline 20.37; Matheson Torch parts 161.21; SD Municipal St. Maintenance Assoc. 2021 Dues 35.00; SDML Workman's Comp 2021 workman's comp insurance 7,294.95; Southeastern Electric Locates 455.00; Xcel 7th St. lights 25.67; PARKS/RECREATION 4501—Verizon Camera 40.01; Xcel Energy Ball fields 575.08; WATER 601—American Engineering Testing 85th St. tower testing 284.50; Badger Meter 1/2 Backhaul 184.53; Board Operator Certification Operator certifications 12.00; Cenex Credit Card 1/3 gasoline 20.37; HDR Engineering 85th St. tower services 6,197.95; Innovative 1/3 supplies 260.10; Lewis & Clark Regional Water System 2nd half FY 2021 lobby fees 2,012.50; Rural Development Loan 91-06 12 months $921 per month ACH Payments (1993 Improvements) 11,052.00; Rural Development Loan 91-07 12 months $1,032 per month ACH Payments (1997 Tower) 12,384.00; Rural Development Loan 91-08 12 months@ $5,241 per month ACH Payments (Quinton St. Tower) 62,892.00; SDML Workman's Comp 2021 workman's comp insurance 2,732.28; SDWWA Memberships 15.00; US Bank DW SRF #1 (L & C) 38,593.10; Xcel Energy Lincoln County Rural Water pit 16.20; Xcel Energy 2nd St. Tower 20.01; Xcel Energy Brian St. Tower 94.96; SEWER 604—Badger Meter 1/2 Backhaul charges 184.53; Board Operator Certification Operator certifications 36.00; Cenex 1/3 gasoline 20.38; HDR Engineering Regionalization services 24,420.22; Hydro Tech Service Install new alarm system in lift stations 3,646.50; Innovative 1/3 supplies 260.11; SD DENR 2021 Discharge permit 3,500.00; SDML Workman's Comp 2021 workman's comp insurance 2,226.10; SDWAA Memberships 15.00; Sorlien Electric Generator replacement lift station #4 23,061.27; US Bank CW-SRF #6 13,420.14; US Bank CWSRF #7 14,084.64; Verizon Lift station phone 24.34; Xcel Energy Lagoon building 3,752.05; Xcel Energy 272nd St. lift station 443.30; Xcel Energy 5th St. lift station 388.11; 3RD PENNEY 211—SDML Workman's Comp 2021 workman's comp insurance 2,030.21; Verizon Internet 40.01; Xcel Energy Pool 163.67; 272ND ST. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT—SD DENR Stormwater Discharge Permit 250.00; HAGEDORN STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT—SD DENR Stormwater Discharge Permit 250.00

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DEPARTMENT - GROSS PAY - SS/MED - RETIREMENT - TOTAL

Administrator 4122—11,134.26, 851.79, 668.07, 12,654.12

Finance 4142—8,359.62, 639.48, 501.57, 9,500.67

Public Safety 4210—61,705.07, 4,572.80, 4,842.65, 71,120.52

Highway/Streets 4311—15,322.18, 1,135.52, 884.67 17,342.37

Recreation 4501—1,882.45, 137.81, 112.95, 2,133.21

Planning & Zoning 4650—7,454.40, 563.01, 447.27, 8,464.68

Water Distribution 4334—10,626.30, 802.26, 602.92 12,031.48

Water Clerk 4335—2,632.51, 201.38, 157.95, 2,991.84

Sewer Administration 4321—10,629.44, 802.47, 603.05, 12,034.96

Sanitary Clerk—2,632.49, 201.38, 157.96, 2,991.83

TOTAL DECEMBER PAYROLL: 132,378.72, 9,907.90, 8,310.99, 151,265.68

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Governor Noem Signs Executive Order on DANR Merger

This week, Governor Kristi Noem signed Executive Order 2021-03 to merge the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, forming a new Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR).

"With this merger, we are fostering sustainable agriculture and conservation that we can pass on to our kids and grandkids," said Governor Kristi Noem. "This merger will simplify life for South Dakota's agriculture producers by creating a one-stop shop in state government. It will also save taxpayers money by streamlining the state's regulatory bodies, eliminating redundancies, and creating a better customer service experience for all."

Hunter Roberts, current Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and acting-Secretary of Agriculture, will serve as the cabinet secretary for DANR.

"Governor Noem has a tremendous vision for the next generation of agriculture, and we're excited to see it through," said Secretary Hunter Roberts. "I'm excited for the synergies that this merger will create."

Lieutenant Governor Larry Rhoden, who previously served as interim-Secretary of Agriculture, will continue serving in his current role of Agriculture Ambassador.

"Governor Noem and I are the only farmer/rancher duo in the country to be serving as Governor and Lieutenant Governor," said Lieutenant Governor Larry Rhoden. "We are excited for the potential that this merger has to unleash the next generation of agriculture for our state. I look forward to continue working as an ambassador to the agriculture industry."

In addition to other groups, the proposed merger has the support of the South Dakota Farm Bureau. Based on a vote of their convention delegates, representing county farm bureaus throughout the state.

"We believe this merger will make government work better for farmers and ranchers and will strengthen the future of agriculture," said Scott VanderWal, President of the South Dakota Farm Bureau. "The agriculture industry is continually evolving, and thanks to Governor Noem's leadership, South Dakota continues to be on the leading edge of that evolution. There is no better time than now to solidify agriculture's role in protecting our environment and natural resources while ensuring our industry in South Dakota remains economically viable and growing."

UPDATES FROM YOUR SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATORS

By Rep. Ernie Otten, District 6

First, thank you to District 6 electing me to represent you again – this time for the SD House of Representatives. I'm always in awe entering the Capitol and I take my oath to uphold our Constitutions very seriously. I've been assigned to House Transportation & Taxation, two areas that I am very familiar with having been chairman of both on the Senate side.

Last week (our first week of session) we worked on new legislative rules so we & the public can work safely during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. The new rules spell out using teleconference committee testimony rather than in-person testimony. Written testimony and documents can also be sent to the Committees in lieu of in person testimony as well. Legislators are dropping bills quickly because we need to get a lot of our work done as soon as possible in case we get an outbreak of COVID-19. So keep an eye on your favorite bills by adding them to MyLRC+ at My LRC (sdlegislature.gov). A rule of thumb for testifying is writing it out in advance keeping your remarks brief and concise. You will need to notify the committee that you want to testify or send your written comments via the email link they provide in advance.

South Dakota House Bill 1058 (sdlegislature.gov) is my recall bill for county commissioners. I have been working on this bill for months after many of you contacted me during the fiasco regarding the non-transparent Lincoln County Bond for the jail to be built in Tea and other commissioner issues last year continuing into 2021. After researching, there was no recall statute for the commissioners who are elected for a four (4) year term. I worked with retired 1st Circuit Judge Art Rusch, now State Senator from District 17 (Clay/Turner) who will prime my bill in the Senate. We took the existing recall language in SD Codified Law Chapter 9 for Municipalities which does have a recall mechanism already in law. The bill uses that same language to incorporate into Chapter 7-8 for county commissioners.

This bill has been assigned to House Local Government and may have had testimony already this Thursday. What I'm asking now is when this bill gets out of Committee, please contact your legislators to support HB 1058 on the House floor. This will not be an easy task as there will be opposition from the commissioner lobbying group. It will go through the same process once it passes over to the Senate.

We found it odd that elected officials for municipalities could be recalled but not county officials. I was asked if state legislators could be recalled, and the answer to that is yes – you have the opportunity to reelect or replace us every two years.

I've also been working on legislation to enact medical marijuana. I had two bills that have already been incorporated into a larger House bill. Let me reassure the readers that there is no intent to repeal medical marijuana. Across the state, it passed by an overwhelming 70%, but this district passed it by 72%! We're awaiting the Supreme Court ruling Amendment A Recreational Marijuana. The new US Congress may make all this a moot point as we're going to assume they will legalize all marijuana very shortly.

Revenue & the Economy — I think everyone back in February had grave concerns regarding our budget to the point of believing we were going to have to do serious cuts like the Daugaard Administration was forced to do. Thankfully, that is not the case as we've kept the state open thanks to Gov Noem! To quote her, "SD is open for business." One area that did concern me was transportation because we fund that with our gas tax. Those revenues are flat to a little above. We are in that place because tourism in the state had a stellar season! While other states closed down, they flocked to South Dakota and spent their money here.

Our economic outlook for 2021 is at 3.1% which is slightly slower than the national forecast for South Dakota. Much is due to unprecedented job losses although we are doing much better than many other states around us. The contractor excise tax has been strong but is expected to decline from windfarm constructions being completed. I also believe the numbers were inflated due to the shortages in lumber, electrical and plumbing supplies - all which skyrocketed the selling prices. I do have grave economic concerns going forward, however.

Please contact me directly at Ernie.Otten@gmail.com indicating you are a District 6 resident.

By Senator Herman Otten, District 6

Tuesday of last week we started the 96th session of the South Dakota Legislature and the first order of business was to be sworn in as your new District 6 Senator; thank you for letting me represent you. Congratulations to District 6's new Representatives, Ernie Otten and Aaron Alyward. For the next two years I will be serving as the Chair of Senate Local Governments Committee and will also sit on Senate Taxation and the Ag & Natural Resources committees.

On Tuesday we heard the State of the State from Governor Noem. A couple of things the Governor touched on were the new business and jobs that will be coming to South Dakota in the next year, COVID-19 and the state's response, Ellsworth Air Force base expansion, spending requests, her proposed merger of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and spending priorities.

I would say there are three very large elephants in the room this year. COVID-19, one time funds and the proposed merger. I will touch a little on each this week. The state has somewhere between 200 and 300 million dollars of one time funds to spend this year due to the 1.25 billion dollars the state received from the Federal Government/Cares Act last year. There is a long list of items the Governor and the Legislature have been working on since last summer. The Bureau of Finance and Management has all of the Cares Act, Small Business Grants, and the potential spending information listed on their website. Frankly, there is so much information going on right now it would take a book to write about it all, so please take some time to research the information and let me know what you think. I already have been working with departments on emails and phone calls I have received from constituents.

I attended an hour and half briefing over COVID-19 with the Department of Health Thursday after session. As of the 12th of January there have been over 100,000 cases of Covid, over 775,000 Covid-19 tests performed, over 59,000 calls to the COVID-19 hotline and over 18,000 calls to the Department of Health and unfortunately 1,457 deaths caused by COVID-19. There have been 39,245 persons who have received the vaccine. I believe there will be another 11,000 individuals receiving the vaccine this week but there is a ways to go yet.

Last summer Governor Noem announced her intentions to merge the Department of Ag and DENR. According to the State Constitution the Governor has five days from the start of the session to issue her proclamation with her intentions, which will be filed Tuesday of this week. After 90 days it will become a reality unless the Senate or House passes a resolution preventing the merger. I would not say there is good consensus among Legislators either in favor of the merger or not. Personally, I do not support the merger. Each department has their own separate duties and I don't see how having the Department of Ag overseeing DENR permitting and testing/enforcement of environmental laws is a good move for District 6 or the State of South Dakota. We will be getting a briefing Wednesday in the Senate Ag & Natural Resources committee.

If you have any comments or concerns please send them to me at herman.otten@sdlegislature.gov. Personal emails with your name and where you live in District 6 are the best. Emails without names or emails that are copied and pasted in mass quantities are not given much credence. Also, check out my Facebook page, Herman Otten for SD 6, for more information/posts as the Legislative session goes on.

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TEA WEEKLY



Titan boys win five straight

BY ANNE HOMAN

After starting the season with four straight losses, the Tea Area High School boys' basketball team have found a groove, winning five straight. Most recently, the Titans recorded wins over Canton on Saturday, Jan. 16 and Garretson on Monday, Jan. 18.

Against Canton, the Titans grabbed 14 steals in the game and led early and never looked back, taking the 97-38 win, with a running clock late in the third quarter.

"This was another game where our offense was really clicking. We are moving the ball very well and it is showing," said Titan head coach, Drew Weber. "The kids are having a lot of fun and the energy in practice and at games is up, because of it. We are getting great production from everyone and hope to continue growing as we move into a tough stretch of our schedule."

At one point in the game, Tea Area's Cael Lundin scored 17 straight points, hitting three threes in a row. He finished the night with a game-high 30 points. He also had four assists and four steals. Garrett Kolbeck was in double figures on the night as well, finishing with 17 points. He also had three assists and two steals. Jeff Worth added ten points, one steal, three rebounds and led the team in assists with six. Caden Ellingson had eight points, four rebounds and one assist. Austin Lake finished with eight points, three rebounds, six assists and four steals. Gabe Grant had seven points in the game, Reis Kirschenmen six, Blake Thompson five, and Alex Pies, Marcus Bolin, and Jonah Kocer each had two.

The Titans shot over 57 percent in the game.

On Monday, Jan. 18 the Titans grabbed another decisive win, defeating Garretson 69-37 at home. Kolbeck had an outstanding night from the three point line, hitting nine three's in the game which tied a school record set by Ethan Friedel.

"Kolbeck was on fire with nine threes," said Weber. "His teammates identified that he had the hot hand and they did a great job of making the extra pass to get it into his hands."

Kolbeck finished the night with 29 points. He also had six rebounds and two assists.

Lundin finished with 18 points, two rebounds, four assists and one steal. Worth had eight points, four assists, two steals and grabbed one board. Ellingson finished with four points, four rebounds, two assists and one steal. Lake had four points, two rebounds, two steals and led the team in assists with five. Cole Schilling and Kirschenmen each had two points. Kirschenmen also had three rebounds.

The Titans shot over 63 percent in the game.

"This was another night where our offense seemed to be clicking on all cylinders, but our defensive intensity was really the key," said Weber. "We were able to make their guards uncomfortable and it got the tempo in our favor. We are on a nice little roll here, but are looking forward to the tough stretch of games that we have coming up."

Tea Area will host Aberdeen Central on Friday, Jan. 22. Varsity is scheduled to tip-off at approximately 7 p.m. The team will compete in the 39th annual Hanson Boys Classic at the Mitchell Corn Palace on Saturday, Jan. 23. Tea Area is scheduled to take on St. Thomas More at 2:30 p.m. The Titans will be on the road on Tuesday, Jan. 26 when they travel to Sioux Falls to take on Sioux Falls Christian.





Above: Garrett Kolbeck had the hot hand for the Titans on Monday against Garrestson, finishing with 29 points, hitting nine three pointers in the game.

At right: Caden Ellingson powers up under the basket for the Titans. Tea Area earned the 69-37 victory over Garretson, winning their last five games in a row.

Photos by Anne Homan

Titan girls move to 8-3 on the season

BY ANNE HOMAN

It was down to the wire on Thursday, Jan. 14 as the Tea Area High School girls' basketball team took on Sioux Falls Christian. In the final seconds, the Chargers hit two free throws to go up by four; however Katie Vasecka connected on a three pointer to pull the Titans within one with 1.5 seconds left on the clock. Tea Area fouled the Chargers who missed both free throws, giving the Titans one final attempt at a long shot but ultimately came up short, giving the Chargers the 50-49 win.

Vasecka led the Titans with 18 points in the game. She pulled down six rebounds, had three assists and one steal. Olivia Ritter finished with 14 points, eight rebounds, five assists and three steals. Stella Peterson had six points, two rebounds, one assist and two steals. Kendra Mckinney finished with five points, two rebounds, and one assist. Brynn Shupner had three points, three rebounds and one steal and Grace Stansbury had two points, two rebounds and one steal. Cassidy Gors had two steals in the game.

Following the loss to Sioux Falls Christian, the Titan girls team traveled to Canton and defeated the C-Hawks, 51-40 on Saturday, Jan. 16.

The Titans jumped ahead early, leading 18-7 after the opening quarter. Three Titans were in double figures with Mckinney scoring 13 points, Ritter 12 and Vasecka ten. Ritter also pulled down nine rebounds, had two assists and four steals. Mckinney finished with five rebounds and one assist and Vasecka had seven rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Peterson added seven points for the Titans, pulled down eight rebounds and had a steal. Mara Grant had five points, four rebounds and two assists. Schupner had three points, five rebounds and two steals. Stansbury had one point, six rebounds, and two assists. Gors had three steals in the game.

On Tuesday, Jan. 19 the Titans notched another win, defeating Beresford 62-47. Vasecka led the way with 25 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Ritter had 15 points, three rebounds, three assists and four steals. Mckinney had 11 points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals. Schupner had six points, three rebounds, two steals; Kaitlin Kihnert had four points, one rebound and Peterson had one point and one rebound. The Titans shot over 43 percent in the game.

The Tea Area girls are scheduled to travel to Aberdeen Central on Friday, Jan. 22. They will be at home on Tuesday, Jan. 26 when they host Sioux Falls O'Gorman.

Wrestlers continue success, go 3-1 at Harrisburg

On Saturday, Jan. 16 the Tea Area High School wrestling team traveled to Harrisburg to compete in the Duals Tournament. Tea Area went 3-1, getting wins over Aberdeen Central, Dell Rapids, and Sioux Falls Washington. The Titans fell to Harrisburg.

Complete results are as follows:

Tea Area (56) vs. Aberdeen Central (16)

145: Sam Werdel (TEAR) over Braden Senger (ABCE) (Fall 3:09) 152: Nathan Babb (TEAR) over Beau Price (ABCE) (Dec 8-3) 160: Matthew Halbur (TEAR) over Ayden Gisi (ABCE) (Fall 1:48) 170: Matthew Schwebach (TEAR) over Dylan Schaunaman (ABCE) (Fall 1:56) 182: Samuel Calvert (ABCE) over Preston Eimers (TEAR) (MD 8-0) 195: Isaac Johnson (TEAR) over Landon Merkel (ABCE) (Fall 1:43) 220: Griffen Schnider (TEAR) over (ABCE) (For.) 285: Cayden Reiniger (TEAR) over Bryce Beitelspacher (ABCE) (Dec 6-3) 106: Rayden Zens (ABCE) over Jackson Tschetter (TEAR) (Fall 4:51) 113: Quincy Hulverson (TEAR) over Brody Aesoph (ABCE) (Fall 5:30) 120: Maddix Slykhuis (TEAR) over Jacob Bellefeuille (ABCE) (TF 17-2 4:36) 126: Wyatt Stuntebeck (TEAR) over Brock Martin (ABCE) (Dec 7-2) 132: Connor Eimers (TEAR) over Avery Ligon (ABCE) (Fall 2:23) 138: Braydon Steuck (ABCE) over (TEAR) (For.)

Tea Area (54) vs. Dell Rapids (18)

152: Zach McKee (DERA) over Jonah Hunter (TEAR) (Fall 0:27) 160: Matthew Halbur (TEAR) over Aiden Geraets (DERA) (Fall 0:59) 170: Matthew Schwebach (TEAR) over (DERA) (For.) 182: Mitchell Klinkenborg (DERA) over Preston Eimers (TEAR) (Dec 7-0) 195: Isaac Johnson (TEAR) over Quinn Carr (DERA) (Dec 7-3) 220: Griffen Schnider (TEAR) over (DERA) (For.) 285: Cayden Reiniger (TEAR) over (DERA) (For.) 106: Jackson Tschetter (TEAR) over (DERA) (For.) 113: Quincy Hulverson (TEAR) over Andrew Weiland (DERA) (Dec 6-3) 120: Maddix Slykhuis (TEAR) over John Mortrude (DERA) (Fall 2:57) 126: Wyatt Stuntebeck (TEAR) over Carson Roach (DERA) (Fall 1:49) 132: Jacob Vogel (DERA) over Connor Eimers (TEAR) (Dec 7-0) 138: Sam Werdel (TEAR) over (DERA) (For.) 145: Gabe Clark (DERA) over (TEAR) (For.)

Tea Area (50) vs. Sioux Falls Washington (24)

160: Kamren McCubbin (SFW) over Matthew Halbur (TEAR) (Fall 2:21) 170: Matthew Schwebach (TEAR) over Sam Randall (SFW) (Fall 2:59) 182: Preston Eimers (TEAR) over Bronson Moet (SFW) (MD 13-1) 195: Isaac Johnson (TEAR) over Myles Yitagesu (SFW) (Fall 1:50) 220: Griffen Schnider (TEAR) over Abraham Myers (SFW) (Fall 1:24) 285: Michael Vroman (SFW) over Cayden Reiniger (TEAR) (Fall 1:37) 106: Jackson Tschetter (TEAR) over Riley Williams (SFW) (TF 15-0 2:11) 113: Quincy Hulverson (TEAR) over (SFW) (For.) 120: Maddix Slykhuis (TEAR) over Favian RivasWells (SFW) (Fall 1:52) 126: Wyatt Stuntebeck (TEAR) over Lane Knutson (SFW) (Fall 1:16) 132: Connor Eimers (TEAR) over Kayden Clark (SFW) (TF 16-0 2:18) 138: Elijah Taniah (SFW) over Sam Werdel (TEAR) (Dec 11-8) 145: Blessing Taniah (SFW) over Jonah Hunter (TEAR) (Dec 12-6) 152: Asher Eidem (SFW) over Nathan Babb (TEAR) (Fall 1:04)

Tea Area (24) vs. Harrisburg (55)

106: Jackson Tschetter (TEAR) over (HARR) (For.) 113: Quincy Hulverson (TEAR) over (HARR) (For.) 120: Jayce Dornbusch (HARR) over Maddix Slykhuis (TEAR) (Fall 0:52) 126: Wyatt Stuntebeck (TEAR) over Korbyn Ockenga (HARR) (Fall 3:57) 132: Connor Eimers (TEAR) over Peyton Tryon (HARR) (Fall 3:03) 138: Logan O`Connor (HARR) over Sam Werdel (TEAR) (MD 9-0) 145: Soren Aadland (HARR) over Jonah Hunter (TEAR) (Fall 0:43) 152: Nathan Horrocks (HARR) over Nathan Babb (TEAR) (Fall 1:13) 160: Jace Jones (HARR) over Matthew Halbur (TEAR) (Fall 1:54) 170: Ryan Hirschkorn (HARR) over Matthew Schwebach (TEAR) (Fall 4:43) 182: Carter Tuntland (HARR) over Preston Eimers (TEAR) (Fall 0:51) 195: Gavin Gulbranson (HARR) over Isaac Johnson (TEAR) (Fall 1:32) 220: Ayden Viox (HARR) over Griffen Schnider (TEAR) (Fall 4:53) 285: Josh Larsen (HARR) over Cayden Reiniger (TEAR) (Dec 1-0)

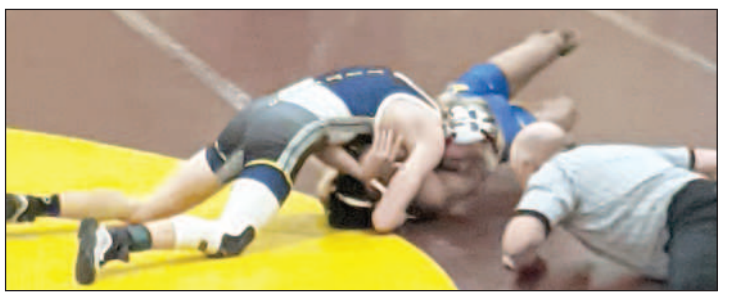
Prior to Harrisburg, the Titans traveled to Lennox to compete in a Triangular on Tuesday, Jan. 12. Lennox faced off against Vermillion and won 51-24. Complete results are as follows: 160: Tyson Hage (VERM) over Matthew Halbur (TEAR) (Fall 1:31) 170: Matthew Schwebach (TEAR) over (VERM) (For.) 182: Preston Eimers (TEAR) over Ethan Kerkhove (VERM) (Fall 0:58) 195: Isaac Johnson (TEAR) over connor mattson (VERM) (Fall 1:37) 220: Griffen Schnider (TEAR) over (VERM) (For.) 285: Zach Brady (VERM) over Cayden Reiniger (TEAR) (Fall 0:40) 106: Hayden Schroeder (VERM) over Jackson Tschetter (TEAR) (Fall 0:47) 113: Quincy Hulverson (TEAR) over Michael roob (VERM) (Dec 9-5) 120: Maddix Slykhuis (TEAR) over Connor Peterson (VERM) (Dec 6-3) 126: Wyatt Stuntebeck (TEAR) over Hunter Lavin (VERM) (Fall 1:02) 132: Connor Eimers (TEAR) over (VERM) (For.) 138: Sam Werdel (TEAR) over Rollie French (VERM) (Dec 8-1) 145: Jonah Hunter (TEAR) over Felix Perez (VERM) (Fall 0:43) 152: Caleb Emerson (VERM) over (TEAR) (For.)

The Titans were scheduled to compete at Harrisburg on Thursday, Jan. 21 and will compete in the Dak XII Conference Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 23 at Hartford.

They will be at Lennox on Tuesday, Jan. 26.



Above: Wyatt Stuntebeck wrestling at 126 pounds at Harrisburg.



Above: Connor Eimers wrestles at 132 pounds at Harrisburg. submitted photos



Above Maddox Slykhuis wrestling at 120 pounds.



Isaac Johnson wrestles at 195 pounds.



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