

Titan wrestlers place second in team standings at Conference Tourney

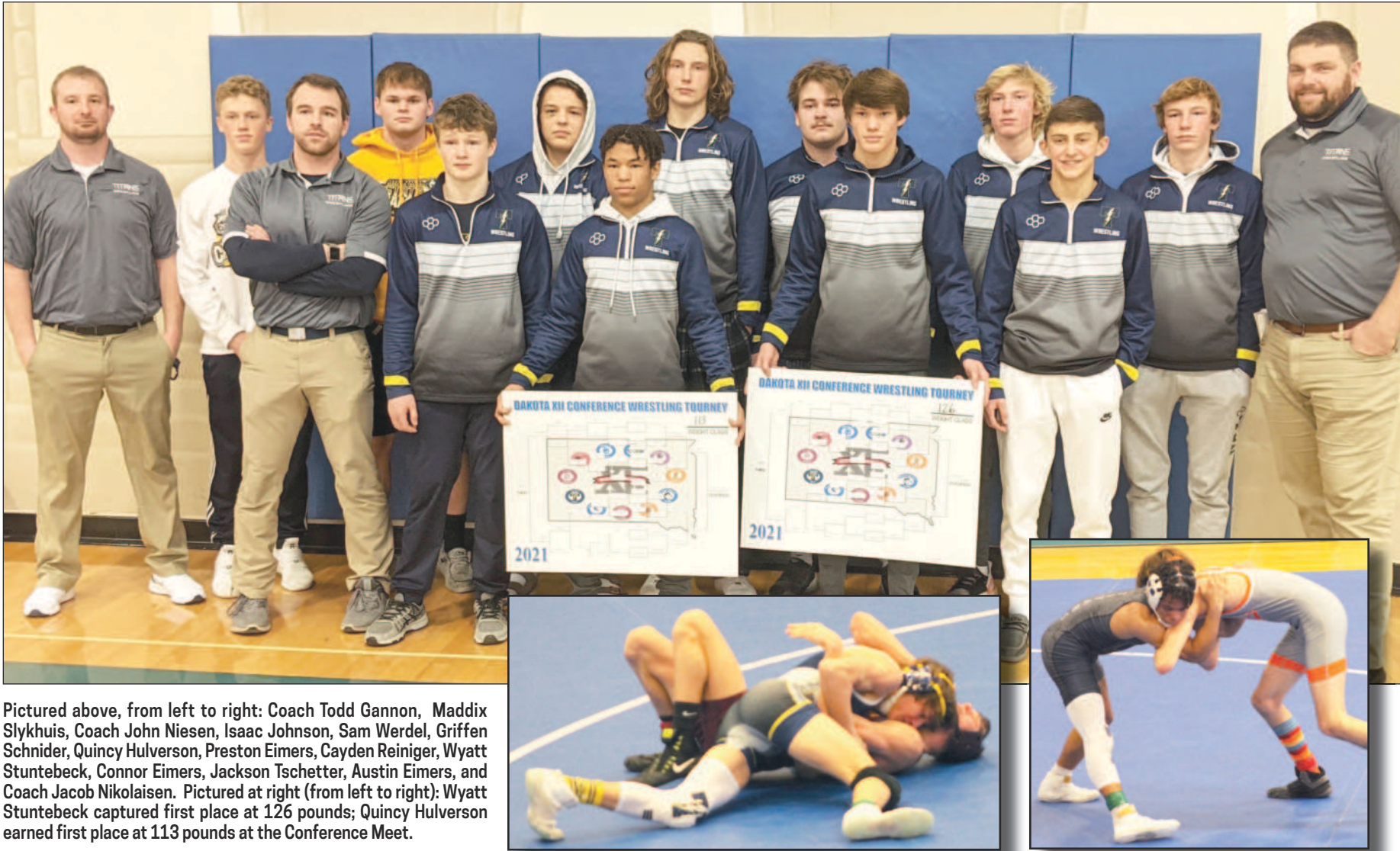
Hulverson, Stuntebeck capture Championship titles

By Anne Homan

On Saturday, Jan. 23 the Tea Area High School wrestling team traveled to Hartford to compete in the Dak XII Conference Tournament. Strong showings by the Titan wrestlers resulted in a second place finish as a team, accumulating 156 points. Canton claimed first with 265.5 points, Dell Rapids third with 149 points, Vermillion fourth (119), and Madison rounded out the top five (95.5).

“We’re very pleased with our team’s performance top-to-bottom at the conference tournament,” said Titan head coach John Niesen. “The DAK XII has some tough competitors from both class A and class B, and our kids fought hard and never backed down from a challenge. You shoot for first, but there’s no shame in taking runner-up to a team like Canton.”

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Pictured above, from left to right: Coach Todd Gannon, Maddix Slykhuis, Coach John Niesen, Isaac Johnson, Sam Werdel, Griffen Schnider, Quincy Hulverson, Preston Eimers, Cayden Reiniger, Wyatt Stuntebeck, Connor Eimers, Jackson Tschetter, Austin Eimers, and Coach Jacob Nikolaisen. Pictured at right (from left to right): Wyatt Stuntebeck captured first place at 126 pounds; Quincy Hulverson earned first place at 113 pounds at the Conference Meet.



Pictured above, from left to right, Tommy Bakken, Brayden Fowlds, and Patrick Staples.

Tea Fire Department recognizes members

Earlier this month the Tea Volunteer fire Department held their Christmas party and handed out awards to several members.

Brayden Fowlds was awarded the 2020 Rookie of the year. Patrick Staples was awarded the 2020 Firefighter of the Year. Tommy Bakken was recognized for being 2019 Driver of the Year.

The event was held at Squealer’s Smoke Shack Bar & Grill in Tea.

Tea Chamber for Development elects new officers for 2021

By Crystal Dickelman

This past week the Tea Chamber for Development elected new officers. The new officers are as follows President Ruby Zuraff of Roo’s Sanitation, Vice President Mike Stephenson of America/Star, Treasurer Eric Barnes of Reliabank and Secretary Adam Birger of Serv Pro of Sioux Falls.

The main purpose of the Tea Chamber for Development is to be a support system for local businesses in Tea.

President Zuraff said, “Last year we changed the name and are really trying to be supportive especially during this challenging time.”

One small way the chamber helps new businesses is to provide them with a ribbon cutting ceremony. This is a small way in which they can help a new business get a good start and some much needed attention and publicity.

Along with electing new officers the chamber also added another new member Andrea Kuipers of Squealers.

The chamber looks forward to continuing to provide more support in the future. While nothing is set in stone for the next year they do encourage businesses to reach out to them on their Facebook page if they have any questions and the Chamber will do their best to assist any business in Tea.



President Ruby Zuraff



Vice-President Mike Stephenson



Treasurer Eric Barnes



Secretary Adam Birger



New member Andrea Kuipers

Questions swirl around who qualifies next to get COVID-19 vaccine in S.D.

By Bart Pfankuch

South Dakota News Watch

South Dakota health officials and medical providers have been near the top of the nation in administering COVID-19 vaccines as they become available, but a significant new challenge awaits as the state moves into a much larger, more difficult-to-define population of people who may qualify for a shot.

That upcoming subset of people will include an estimated 80,000 residents with two or more underlying medical conditions as defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

With that next group potentially in play as early as February, state officials and health providers as of Jan. 20 did not have a firm plan in place to definitively determine how they, and members of the public, will figure out who qualifies for a vaccine in that

population group, how potential vaccine recipients will verify their conditions and whether proof of medical diagnoses will be required before shots are administered.

Health providers across the state have increasingly been fielding questions from residents with existing medical conditions who want to be vaccinated as soon as possible and who so far are unable to get clear answers about when they can get shots.

As of mid-January, the state and medical providers had not developed concrete plans on how to determine who qualifies in the Phase 1D subgroup of patients with two or more underlying conditions, said Scott Peterson, director of pharmacy at Monument Health in Rapid City.

“There’s been no decision that has been made on that yet,” said Peterson, who is leading that system’s vaccination

School District staff waits turn for vaccine

By Kelli Bultena

Teachers and other school/college staff are listed in the upcoming group of individuals in Phase 1D who will be able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in South Dakota.

Tea Area School District Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Nebelsick Lowery said that as of Jan. 25, the District has not received the date as to when teachers will be eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccine.

She said that they were notified that the District’s OT/PT therapists are now eligible.

“We communicate with our staff and connect them with the Lincoln County provider - Sanford,” Lowery said. “We are awaiting information for the full staff.”

efforts. “At this point in time, there is not a definitive plan on that.”

The state recently entered the fourth phase of its long-range, seven-phase vaccination plan after completing initial

phases that included front-line health-care workers, long-term care residents and staff, law enforcement, EMS and correctional workers and a few other small groups.

After having success in

phases 1A through 1C, the state sped up entry into Phase 1D on Jan. 18 by making shots available to a newly created subset of 1D that includes the highest-risk patients within the group — those 80 and older, people with cancer, those on dialysis and very high-risk people in congregate settings.

In addition to all residents 65 or over, teachers and college staff and funeral service workers, Phase 1D also includes “persons with 2 or more underlying medical conditions,” a population estimated at roughly 80,000 people.

The state is basing vaccinations in that group on a list developed by the CDC of 23 medical conditions that are known or believed to put someone at higher risk of complications or death if the person becomes infected with the coronavirus.

Verifying if someone qualifies within the two underlying conditions category could be

fairly simple for a doctor or practitioner who has extensive experience treating or diagnosing a patient, said Dr. Michael Wilde, vice president and chief medical officer at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls.

But determining whether a person has two of the CDC-listed conditions will be difficult if not impossible for front-line employees who will check in patients at hospitals, clinics or pharmacies where COVID-19 vaccines will be delivered, Wilde said.

Identifying and verifying who qualifies will also be tricky when it comes to patients with rare conditions or those that are not specifically listed on the CDC website but that likely put them at higher risk from COVID-19 complications, experts said.

The underlying-conditions subset will also include people who are at high risk but who do not have a general practitioner,

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COVID-19 cases under 250 in County

BY KELLI BULTENA

COVID-19 cases remain down across the state of South Dakota, with only 3,428 active COVID-19 cases reported in South Dakota on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

The SD Department of Health reported 235 active cases of Coronavirus in Lincoln County out of a total of 7,389 COVID-19 cases. There are now 7,082 recovered cases and 72 deaths reported in Lincoln County.

Statewide as of Jan. 26, South Dakota has a total of 107,380 Coronavirus cases.

There are 152 people currently hospitalized because of COVID-19. SD DOH reports that

1,705 South Dakota residents have died with COVID-19 as the cause or contributing factor.

The U.S. reports 25,312,454 positive COVID-19 cases and 422,017 deaths of as of Jan. 26, 2021, according to John Hopkins University and Medicine.

South Dakota residents who have been exposed to or think they've been exposed to COVID-19 can take an at-home saliva test free of charge.

The state will send Vault Health saliva tests to residents who have been exposed, think they've been exposed or who want to use the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention method of ending quarantine

with a negative test.

The test can be ordered through the South Dakota Department of Health website. www.covid.sd.gov, scroll down to "COVID-19 testing," then "at-home testing" to complete your order for the kit that will be mailed to you. South Dakota also provides free drive-thru testing in different locations, individuals must sign up for a time online for the testing.

South Dakotans are encouraged to visit covid.sd.gov for information about COVID-19 data, testing and the latest on vaccines, or call South Dakota's Information Line at 1-800-997-2880.

Lewis & Clark to receive \$17.5 Million for FY21

The Lewis & Clark Regional Water System has been notified by the Bureau of Reclamation that it will be receiving a total of \$17.5 million in federal funding for FY21 for ongoing construction of the project.

"This is really good news and we are very pleased. A big thank you to the tristate congressional delegation for their hard work to secure additional funding for Reclamation's Rural Water Program. Their continued strong bipartisan support and leadership is greatly appreciated. Our thanks and appreci-

ation as well to the Bureau of Reclamation. They continue to be outstanding partners," said Executive Director Troy Larson.

The administration only proposed \$100,000 for Lewis & Clark in its FY21 Budget. The tristate delegation worked with their colleagues to help secure an additional \$114.7 million for the Rural Water Program. Reclamation then allocated \$17.4 million of the additional funding to Lewis & Clark. On top of the \$100,000 proposed by the administration it brings Lewis & Clark's total to \$17.5 million.

In FY20 Lewis & Clark received \$18 million.

"Overall funding for the Rural Water Program in FY21 is down \$1.5 million compared to FY20, so a small haircut was expected," said Larson.

The funding will be used to complete construction already underway on a 16 million gallons per day collector well near Vermillion and a 2.5 million gallon water tower at Beresford. In addition, a contract will be awarded later this year that includes three items - construction of the Sioux Center

meter building, expansion of the Hull meter building and adding pumps to the Beresford pump station.

"When construction of all the above mentioned projects is complete, which is expected no later than the spring of 2023, we will begin delivering long-awaited water to Sioux Center and Hull," said Larson.

Including the construction that will be completed with the FY21 federal funding, this will put Lewis & Clark at being approximately 86 percent complete.

Lewis & Clark is a non-profit wholesale provider of water to its member cities and rural water systems in southeast SD, northwest IA and southwest MN. The water source is a series of wells adjacent to the Missouri River and has a treatment plant near Vermillion. Construction began in 2004 and Lewis & Clark started delivering water in 2012. The System is currently serving water to 15 of its 20 members, including the Tea community.

The Administrative office for Lewis & Clark Regional Water System is also located in Tea.

Questions swirl around who qualifies next to get vaccine

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are not affiliated with a hospital system, or who receive medical care only at emergency rooms or urgent-care facilities not affiliated with specific medical systems. That group of people whose numbers are unknown cannot be certain if they qualify and will not be alerted by vaccine providers.

Wilde said he expects that someone who makes an appointment or shows up to get a shot in any category within Phase 1D will be vaccinated if doses are available.

"As a clinician it's a pretty clear list," Wilde said. "But I would be hard pressed to think that we're going to sit there and try to verify, especially in gray areas where it's tough to make a determination, that we're going to turn someone away if we have vaccine available based on a lack of verification or a lack of those medical conditions."

Dr. David Basel, vice president for clinical quality at Avera Health in Sioux Falls, said the five South Dakota health systems tasked with providing vaccines to the public - Sanford Health, Avera Health, Monument Health, Mobridge Hospital and the Northern Plains Health Network - have computer systems that can determine who has underlying conditions and generate a list of patients who qualify for a shot. State data show about 400,000 South Dakotans are estimated to have one underlying condition, and about

80,000 are estimated to have two conditions, Basel said.

"We're trying to take a more proactive approach to a lot of the chronic conditions; we are trying to reach out to those folks rather than have patients try to self-identify," Basel said, adding that the process has been easier with targeted populations so far.

Residents of Native American reservations will receive vaccinations through the federal Indian Health Services, which is also busy prioritizing delivery of the vaccines and notifying those who qualify to sign up for a shot as soon as possible.

As of Jan. 21, South Dakota had administered about 58,500 doses of the two types of COVID-19 vaccines; roughly 11,000 people had completed the two-dose full regimen.

Wilde said people whose medical conditions can easily be verified or whose conditions obviously fit into the CDC list will be notified by health systems that they qualify - either by mail, email, text message or phone call - and invited to sign up to make an appointment to receive a shot.

Health providers are reluctant to create a system where people who haven't made an appointment show up with medical records in hand to wait in line and then potentially be turned away because someone at the vaccination site determines that the patient doesn't qualify for a shot or because there are not enough vaccine

doses available, Wilde said.

Basel said that at the current allocation of vaccines to South Dakota, about 11,000 doses per week, medical systems have not had difficulty in reaching out to people who qualify for a shot.

But if vaccination supply increases, as most providers anticipate, Basel said the number of qualifying patients may overwhelm the ability of medical systems to call them all.

"There may come a time where we open it up wider to a kind of honor system," he said, "but it all depends on the supply."

Wilde and others acknowledged that some perceived inequalities may exist among those who qualify under the underlying-conditions category due to poor lifestyle choices.

For example, using the CDC at-risk conditions list as a guide will mean that obese cigarette smokers will qualify for a shot before people with single serious health conditions such as Type 1 or 2 diabetes, sickle-cell disease, Down Syndrome, asthma, liver disease, weakened immune system, chronic pulmonary disease or pregnancy.

Wilde urged the public to be patient and have an understanding that no system of prioritization will be perfect.

"There will be nuances and some of them could be a little bit of a head scratcher, and that's kind of that grace we're seeking from the public," Wilde said.

Vaccinating prisoners, smokers or obese people makes sense from an overall health perspective amid a pandemic, health experts said.

"I'm a physician and I work for a health system and I look at it more from the resources-allocation side, as in 'Who are those more likely to be hospitalized and overwhelm the health-care system? Who has the highest rate of hospitalizations?'" Basel said.

Department of Health spokesman Daniel Bucheli said some parts of the plan moving forward will be fluid and open to adjustments.

Bucheli and Basel said the state has received mixed signals from the federal government about whether allocations of vaccine doses will increase in the coming weeks and months. Officials are hoping that allocations may rise after new vaccines from AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson receive approval for use. President Joe Biden has also vowed to speed up the vaccination process across the country.

Experts urge people with questions to visit the state health department website, call their doctor and watch for media alerts that can help guide them on whether they qualify for a shot and when.

"We are absolutely dedicated to getting vaccines to everyone that wants it," Wilde said.

2021 South Dakota Wildland Fire Academy registration now open

Registration is now open for the 2021 South Dakota Wildland Fire Academy to be held in Ft. Pierre, South Dakota, on March 18-21, 2021. The academy is hosted by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture's Wildland Fire Division with assistance from its federal partners.

The safety of our firefighters and the public is always our number one objective in wildland firefighting, and access to quality training helps meet this goal. In addition to elevating firefighter's personal wildland fire qualifications, it allows trainees to pay it forward by teaching and leading new firefighters in their wildland fire careers.

For more information or to register please visit: https://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2gpc/GPC_ZONE_Training_Page.htm

Students attending National Wildfire Coordinating Group courses must have their Incident Command System (ICS) classes up to date in order to receive certification. Minimum ICS courses include IS-100 and IS-700. Additional prerequisite qualifications or courses may be required dependent upon training level.

For more information, please contact Tamara Dierks, South Dakota Wildland Fire at 605.393.4229 or email Tamara.Dierks@state.sd.us.

Foster parents sought for Children's Village on the Cheyenne River Reservation

Simply Smiles, Inc. is seeking exceptional individuals to become full-time, professional foster parents at the Simply Smiles Children's Village on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation in South Dakota.

The Simply Smiles Children's Village is an intentional community of foster families serving the children most at-risk on the Reservation. The Village offers child placement options that fulfill the spirit of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) by ensuring that Native children who have been removed from their homes can remain with kin and community.

"Our foster parents are vital members of the Village team: They help to create a safe, supportive home where children can heal, thrive, and become strong leaders, role models, and Lakota citizens of the world," says Simply Smiles President and Founder Bryan Nurnberger.

Foster parents live at individual foster homes at the beautiful Simply Smiles Children's Village in La Plant, South Dakota. They will help to raise

Native children in an environment that is rooted in Lakota traditions and guided by trauma-informed, therapeutic healing practices. They work with the other foster parents in the Village and are supported by mental health professionals, Simply Smiles staff members, and community elders to instill perspective, culture, and wisdom.

In addition to housing, comprehensive training and licensing are provided, as well as a salary and benefits. Applications for foster parents, as well as for part-time relief caregiver positions, will be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis.

In March 2020, Simply Smiles opened the doors to its first foster home in the Reservation Children's Village. In October 2020, the first children were placed at the Simply Smiles Children's Village by the Tribal Court of the Cheyenne River Reservation and the State of South Dakota Department of Social Services.

The Simply Smiles Children's Village is a collaborative effort, with formal support from the

Cheyenne River Tribal Council, partnerships with tribal elders, and licensing from the State of South Dakota Department of Social Services, as well as the support of Native American luminaries and activists across the country.

The situation surrounding at-risk children in Indian Country reveals a widespread, generations-long, ongoing crisis with demonstrable far-reaching consequences that are of grave concern to the tribes - and that should be of grave concern to all Americans. The Simply Smiles Children's Village seeks to be a solution to this crisis.

To apply to become a foster parent, please visit simplysmiles.org/foster. Full and part-time positions are available.

Deadlines to Apply for Giant Vision Entrepreneur Competitions

South Dakota residents who have a new business idea are reminded to enter the Governor's Giant Vision Business Competition for a chance to win up to \$20,000 to launch their idea. Student competitors vie for a top prize of \$5,000.

Complete details are on the website www.southdakotagiantvision.com and entrants will submit their business plan through the website. The competition is open to all South Dakotans with new ideas that they believe would benefit from the review and analysis process of the competition while vying for funds to assist their start up.

The Business Competition application deadline is February 12 and the Student Competition deadline is February 19. Tentative plans are moving forward for an in person competition in mid- to late-April.

Giant Vision is hosted by the South Dakota Chamber

of Commerce and Industry and is supported financially by the following: Governor Kristi Noem; Black Hills Energy; Christiansen Land & Cattle Ltd.; Dacotah Bank; First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard; Mid-American Energy; Valley Queen

Cheese Factory; Wheeler Manufacturing; and Xcel Energy. Additional sponsors for the Student Competition are Citibank, N.A.; and South Dakota EPSCoR. For more information call 1-877-817-8215.

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Inside this week...

I read with interest the South Dakota News-Watch article about vaccines, beginning on page 1 of this week’s paper. I think a lot of us are curious to know how and when everyone will have the ability to get theirs. Our other front page stories this week recognize the good work being done in the community. Congratulations to the new officers elected to the Tea Chamber for Development, the firefighters that were recognized and to our Tea Titan student athletes! There’s a lot to celebrate in Tea. Not that there isn’t plenty



From the Editor
Kelli Bultena

of issues to keep an eye on — you can read the latest from our local legislators that are in Pierre on page 11 this week. And be sure to check out the work by our young journalists in the Tea Area High School Olympian on pages 5-6-7-8. Story idea? Give me a call at 213-0049, email news@teaweekly.com

Goat vs. Kid

L ove him or hate him there is no denying that Tom Brady will go down as the G.O.A.T. I mean the guy switches Conferences and still makes it to the Conference Championship and now, after beating Green Bay on Sunday, Brady will be making his 10th Super Bowl appearance. The Bucs/Packers’ game was the better of the two games on Sunday. Green Bay had opportunities to win the game—I mean how often is Brady going to throw three interceptions in one half. Aaron Rodgers had a chance to run for it on third down—looking like there was a clear path to the endzone. I know coverage may have collapsed before he got there, but why he didn’t run, I’ll never know. And why

Speaking of Sports
Anne Homan



did they kick a field goal there? Seemed like the wrong move to me. Packers fans will lament about the flag thrown late and, trust me Packers, I know how bad calls can haunt you. The Chiefs seemed to have no trouble with the Bills. This is the second Super Bowl appearance for Patrick Mahomes in only his third year as starter. It will be an intriguing match-up of two amazing quarterbacks. If Brady wins it will be his seventh Super Bowl ring—more than any FRANCHISE—let that sink in.

By U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.)
E motions have been running high across our great country. Both sides, all sides need to take a breath. A member of my staff showed me a Facebook squabble taking place within their family - a perfect microcosm of America. A bunch of expletives that can’t be stated here hurled back and forth between family members. I wondered if they would have talked to each other like that face-to-face? Probably not. Social media has impaired our inhibition to the point that the most outrageous thing we could think actually makes its way onto our phone or computer screens. The vilest words, having never even touched our lips, are there for everyone to see forever, even though they’re later found embarrassing - even to the typist. We’ve been threatened, literally, for our opinions and beliefs. These conversations - these fights: would they make our parents or grandparents proud? Would they be the example we want displayed to our kids? Nope. Unfortunately, many of those expletives will follow the posting of this column, as has been the case for the last several months - proving my point. It’s time to reset. Resetting means understanding that although our differences may be stark, we’re all Americans. We gain nothing trying to silence or belittle others for their sincerely-held beliefs. If we truly want to make progress on the important issues before us, we must rid

ourselves of the “us vs. them” mentality and tone down inflammatory rhetoric and name calling that sows division. Instead, we must listen, contemplate, attempt to understand, persuade, debate, negotiate and ultimately cooperate. We’re all exhausted by the emotional battle within us, between us and before us. I must admit that emotion has gotten the best of me, too. I’ve been aggravated with how President Trump lashed out at the end of his term and by the attacks on good people like Vice President Mike Pence. I’ve even said some things in the heat of the moment that I would’ve rephrased or withheld altogether. But at the end of the day, the facts remain. Under no circumstances did Vice President Pence or the Congress have unilateral constitutional authority to “flip” the election. Furthermore, neither of the two objections raised on January 6 provided a single thread of new evidence. And yet, there we were defending the Constitution in the wake of nonstop attacks and false claims. The real irony here is the vast majority of President Trump’s supporters strongly support the Constitution; and yet, many bought into the idea of upending the Constitution because we, myself included, didn’t like the results of the election. I can’t help but anguish over the idea that the violence we witnessed on that fateful day boiled down to roughly 200 disputed votes in Maricopa County, Arizona, which would not have been nearly enough votes to change

the outcome of the election. This is supported by decisions in more than 60 court cases as well as a review by the Department of Justice, President Trump’s own Attorney General and by various state officials after conducting audits. President Trump’s legacy should be that of tax cuts, Supreme Court picks, deregulation, pro-life measures, national security and so many other great policies that unfortunately I fear will be outweighed by his own behavior in the waning days of his term. And, while I understand many of my fellow South Dakotans won’t see it that way - that’s my opinion. Ultimately though, history - not I - will be the judge. The question now is: where do we go from here? Personally, I intend to continue in my defense of the Constitution, limited government and a strong national defense. I intend to work with the Democrat-controlled White House, Senate and House on ag policy, transportation and defense, to name a few, because those things shouldn’t be partisan in nature. However, I know we’ll have our disagreements. Like many of you, I worry about our constitutional rights such as the right to bear arms, religious freedoms and property rights. I will fight to defend the Constitution and protect these rights which so many of us feel strongly about. As it pertains to election security and integrity, I believe citizens need their faith in the electoral process restored. There are states whose ques-

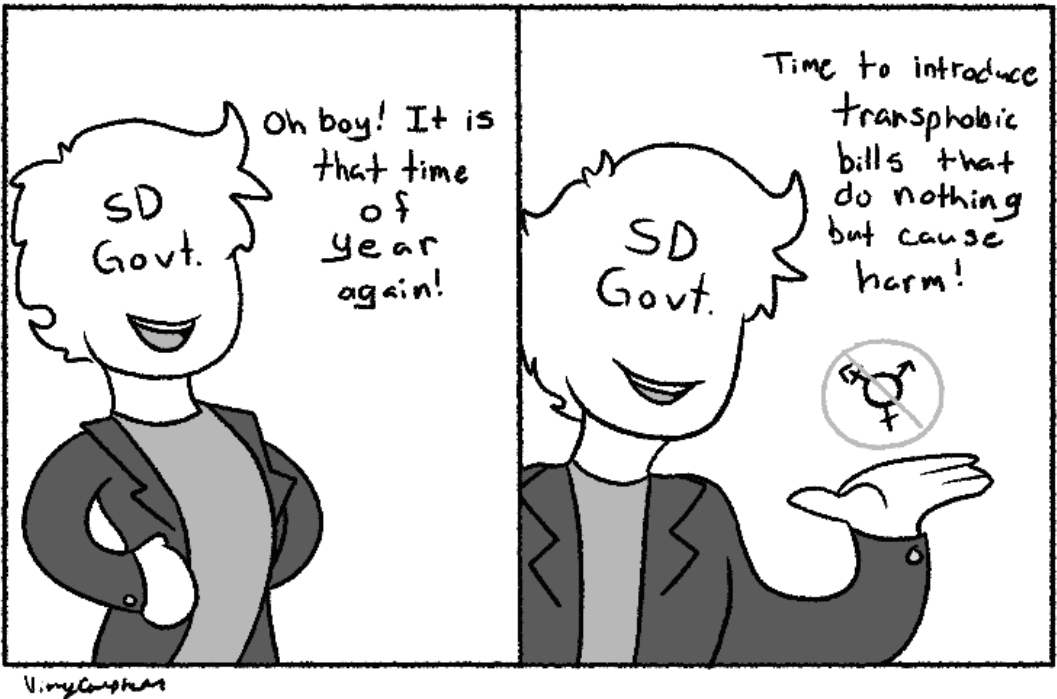
tionable actions cast doubt on our electoral process. Do we have evidence of widespread voter fraud? No. However, to regain confidence in our elections and provide additional transparency into what really happened during the 2020 general election, we have introduced legislation which establishes a bipartisan advisory committee to make recommendations to state legislatures with improvements to the security, integrity and administration of federal elections. Specifically, the bill would study multiple areas, including election practices adopted in response to COVID-19, practices regarding mail in ballots, absentee ballots, practices that would have allowed improper fraudulent voter registration and how technology played a role in the voting process. The Constitution mandates that the states, not the federal government, manage elections. For those of us interested in defending the Constitution and states’ rights, we need to be cautious as we navigate these questions. We do not want the federal government, and specifically Congress, running states’ elections. Democrats have spoken about unity during this inaugural week. I’m hopeful that a point of unity will be prioritizing the importance of credibility in the election process and I intend to have conversations with my colleagues to persuade them to consider this. In the meantime, blessed are the peacemakers as we work to reset.

Called to Serve

By Rep. Dusty Johnson
More than 20,000 of our National Guard troops lined the streets of Washington this week to help safely usher in the peaceful transition of power. It was a striking image to see firsthand. After the violence in the Capitol, these men and women dropped everything to come protect the streets of America’s capital city.

Although most of these brave men and women don’t call D.C. home, they answered the call to serve our nation and agreed to be given a moment’s notice when trouble strikes domestically. They slept on marble floors in the capitol, dined on granola bars, and stood outside at the ready in winter temperatures for hours on end. I had the opportunity to meet with South Dakota’s National Guard today. More

than two hundred of our states finest have been stationed in D.C. for the last week. It’s not a job many of us would willingly sign up for, but these folks did. Serving our nation is far from glamorous, and I’ll be forever grateful for the many sacrifices our servicemembers make every time they put on the uniform. Especially this week.



Movie Review: ‘The Marksman’

“T he Marksman” has the unfortunate timing to come out less than a month after “News of the World.” Although the two movies are set over 150 years apart, the plots are very similar: a crusty adult has to go on a long, dangerous journey with a child they don’t know, to the point where they don’t even speak the same language. But while “News of the World” was able to get a plum Christmas release date, thanks in no small part to the star power of Tom Hanks, “The Marksman” feels like it was always destined for the doldrums of January, even with Liam Neeson attached.



Movie Review
Bob Garver

Neeson plays Jim Hanson, a former Marine, recent widower, and current rancher on an Arizona farm on the U.S./Mexico border. He spends his days fretting how he’s going to pay back a bank loan and occasionally reporting illegal immigrants to his agent stepdaughter (Kathryn Winnick). One day he spots mother Rosa (Teresa Ruiz) and son Miguel (Joe Perez) making a feeble attempt to flee into the country. Not far

behind them is a group of cartel assassins, hunting them down after Rosa’s brother betrayed their boss. In one of the film’s disappointingly few action sequences, Hanson engages the men in a shootout and kills the brother of the leader (Juan Pablo Raba). But Rosa is mortally wounded (not a spoiler, since this is established in the trailer), and she makes Hanson promise to take Miguel to relatives in Chicago before she dies. Hanson has to first rescue Miguel from Border Patrol, even though the ungrateful Miguel says that Hanson is indirectly responsible for his mother’s death. I say that without Hanson, the cartel guys would have caught up with them about ten seconds later and killed them both, but there’s hard feelings anyway.

Hanson and Miguel go on the run with the cartel members not far behind them. The cartel guys are ruthless, burning down Hanson’s house and killing people who make even fleeting contact with them (one poor girl looks like she’s too young to drive, let alone work at a gas station). Hanson hates having to shepherd Miguel at first, but eventually the two bond. This movie plays the stupid angle where Miguel spends about half the movie pretending he doesn’t speak English, but then it turns out that he does, he just wanted to mess with Hanson. Hanson teaches Miguel how to shoot, having him practice on cans in a scene that will no doubt come into play during the climax. Miguel has a backpack full of cartel money, which briefly comes

between the two... until it doesn’t. This scene elicited audible groans from everyone in the theater, which I’m proud to say I kicked off. The climax takes place in a barn, an odd choice of venue considering the movie has spent so much time building up Chicago that I was expecting something a little more urban. And the actual ending is ridiculous, with a fatal twist that could be undone by simply changing the order of certain events. The best thing I can say about “The Marksman” is that Neeson and Perez have pretty good chemistry. It’s not particularly memorable, but it’s cute how they share affection for Hanson’s dog (the dog, by the way, is memorable). But the movie is not done any favors by its script or action. It’s not even titled very well, Hanson’s

marksmanship is barely mentioned and I kept having to remind myself what the movie was even called. I’d say this movie is a disappointment as a Liam Neeson action vehicle, but there’s so little action that it barely qualifies as one, it’s more of a road trip movie with action sequences at the beginning and end. By all means see this movie to support your local theater, but only after you’ve seen better movies like “News of the World.” Grade: C- “The Marksman” is playing in select theaters, check local listings for showtimes. The film is rated PG-13 for violence, some bloody images and brief strong language. Its running time is 108 minutes. Contact Bob Garver at rrg251@nyu.edu.

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Obituaries

Alfred Fischer

1927-2021

Alfred Fischer, 93, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, peacefully, at his rural Tea, SD, home. Services were held at Germantown Presbyterian Church in Chancellor on Thursday, Jan. 21. Officiating was Pastor Mark Chase. Arlis Fischer was pianist and Alan Ward soloist.

Honorary pallbearers were Alfred's great-grandchildren. Casketbearers were Alfred's grandchildren. Interment was in the Germantown Cemetery in Chancellor.

Alfred Ernest Fischer was born on April 17, 1927, on the family farm near Tea, SD, the son of Fred and Aalke (Schoffelman) Fischer. He grew up attending rural school.

On October 3, 1952 he was united in marriage to Lucille Bossman at the Germantown Presbyterian Church parsonage, rural Chancellor, SD. The couple made their home and farmed on their farm near Tea. Lucille died on February 14, 2007.

Alfred was a member of Germantown Presbyterian Church, where he had served as a trustee. He enjoyed fishing and was a skilled bullhead skinner. After retiring from farming, Alfred helped in his son's construction business. In early years, Alfred had farmed with horses and continued to enjoy involvement in his grandchildren's rodeo and horse show activities and attending their sporting events. He deeply loved his family.

Besides his parents and



wife, Alfred was preceded in death by all his siblings: brother, Delmar and sisters: Kate, Alice, Rose, Annie, Frieda and Johanna.

Grateful for having shared his life are his children: Darrell Fischer, Centerville and Diane (Steve) DeSchepper, Chancellor; seven grandchildren: Stephanie (Shawn) Tibbs, Derick (Meagan) Fischer, Chris (Nikki) Kuemper, Darin (Chantel) Fischer, Daniel (Anna) Fischer, Crystal (Enoch) McGill and Dalton Fischer (special friend Emily); 11 great-grandchildren: Jordyn Tibbs, Cayle Tibbs, Dallas Fischer, Chase Fischer, Hazin Fischer, Creighton Kuemper, Tiniye Kuemper, Cheyenne Fischer, Chayleah Fischer, Trew McGill and Brim McGill; special friend Sid Krueger, Worthington, MN, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Sow and Grow with Sara: 2020 Extension Updates

By Sara Bauder

Agronomy Field Specialist

Now that we have looked backwards for a while, let's look ahead! SDSU Extension has many virtual programming options to offer this year! With COVID-19 throwing a wrench in our usual in-person planning, we've done our best to alter plans rather than cancel events. Upcoming Events and Announcements:

- Crop Hour Webinar Series-agronomy-related educational webinars happening every Tuesday-Friday from 10-11 a.m. Each week has a new topic and CCA credits are available. Registration is free at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/agriculture/crops>.

- SDSU Southeast Research Farm Virtual Annual Meeting-Tuesday January 26 from 12:45 to 3:45 p.m. Speakers to talk on climate, corn relative maturity, SD NPK fertilizer update, using rye for finishing hogs, and more! Registration is free at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/events>.

Pesticide Applicator Training Options for 2021:

- Commercial Applicator options include: taking an online recertification course at <https://apps.sd.gov/doa/ecat3/>, or you can re-take exams for the categories you need to update; call ahead to your nearest SDSU Extension office to ensure testing is available.

- Private Applicator options include: taking an online recertification course at <https://pat2021.questionpro.com>, take the online private applicator exam at <https://apps.sd.gov/doa/pwt/>, or attend a live Zoom training on March 26th as a part of the Crop Hour Webinar Series mentioned previously.

- 2021 South Dakota Pest Management Guides- this year's guides are available free in print or online. The guides provide information on current weed, insect, and disease management options in South Dakota. For a printed copy, visit your nearest regional center or sign up for a copy when you recertify your private or commercial pesticide applicator license through the online training course or zoom webinar options.. For an electronic copy, visit <https://extension.sdstate.edu> and search 'Pest Management Guide'.

South Dakota State University, South Dakota counties, and USDA cooperating. South Dakota State University adheres to AA/EEO guidelines in offering educational programs and services

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 30

- Boys Basketball @ Madison, DAKXII/NEC Conference Clash Tournament, Tea Area vs. Sisseton, 10am
- Wrestling @ Parker, 10am

TUESDAY, FEB. 2

- Basketball double header vs. Western Christian, IA @ Home, Girls: C-5:15pm; JV-4pm; V-6:30pm; Boys: C-4pm; JV 5:15pm; V-8pm

THURSDAY, FEB. 4

- Boys Basketball @ West Central, C-5pm; JV-6:15pm; V-7:30pm

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Pictured above, from left to right, (Row 1): Claire Hyronimous (6th grade French horn), Abby Thoreson (7th grade clarinet), Natalie Gass (7th grade alto sax); (Row 2): Kassidy Wranek (8th grade trumpet), Bree Umbreit (7th grade baritone), Lizzy Mehlbrech (8th grade bass clarinet), Madalyn Havlin (8th grade flute); Not pictured: Aidan Hofer (8th grade alto sax)

Middle School All State Band and Jazz Band selections made

Eight students from Tea Area have been selected through an audition process into the 2021 South Dakota Middle School All-State Band. Students submitted an audition recording of a major scale, minor scale, chromatic scale and two etudes in early December for judges to listen to and score. Students in grades 6-8 across the state are eligible to audition.

In a normal year, the students would get together the first weekend in March to work

with a guest conductor and perform a concert, unfortunately, COVID-19 has canceled those events, however they are still being recognized for their hard work and accomplishments.

Kassidy Wranek, Aidan Hofer and Natalie Gass were selected for the Honor Band and Claire Hyronimous, Abby Thoreson, Bree Umbreit, Lizzy Mehlbrech and Madalyn Havlin were all selected for the Festival Band. Kassidy Wranek and Madalyn Havlin are two year members

and Aidan Hofer is a three year member and will get a certificate for his accomplishment.

Also announced this week were the South Dakota middle school all-state jazz band results. Tea has two students selected to the all-state jazz band, they are Kassidy Wranek (8th grade trumpet) and Aidan Hofer (8th grade alto sax), both students are two year members of the all-state jazz band.

This event has also been canceled.



AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Embrace Church

720 Figzel Court, Tea
213-3333, iamembrace.com/tea
Campus Pastor: Travis Waltner
Sunday: Worship 8:45, 10 & 11:15 a.m.
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 Opaien & 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, stmagdalenennox.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, January 31: 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion, in-person and live-streamed; 10:45 am Sunday School
Wednesday, February 3: 7:30 am Breakfast with Your Bible; 5:30 pm Confirmation Class; 6:30 pm Middle School Youth; 7:00 pm Samantha Goudy Seminary Scholarship Committee Meeting; 7:45 pm High School Youth

First Baptist Church

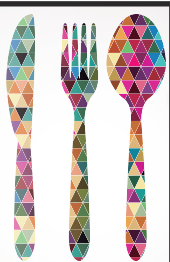
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647-2150, www.firstbaptistchurchchancellor.org
Rev. Jason Haas
Sunday, January 31, 2021: 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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What's For Lunch?

Tea Area School District JrK-5th Grade Lunch Menu

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



Feb. 1: Mini corn dogs, broccoli, applesauce, milk

Feb. 2: Taco in a bag, corn, fresh fruit, milk

Feb. 3: Hamburger with bun, baked beans, sliced peaches, milk

Feb. 4: Chicken strips, green beans, slushie fruit cup, dinner roll, milk

Feb. 5: Garlic cheese bread, carrots, sliced pears, milk

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Check Please!

By Kiyla Blakey

The show will go one! With their performance coming up the One Act cast and crew, of Check Please, have been practicing three times a week, and if needed they plan extra practices. On Monday, January 18th the cast went to Canton to practice on the stage in which they will be performing for regions. This year, due to Covid-19 they can only be in close proximity for thirty minutes at a time. Brooke Palleschi, One Act director, says, “Not

saying ‘if we make it to State it’s when we make it to State’ I think that goes a long way with the cast and gets them excited and motivated to come to practice and make them want to get their lines memorized and do the best they can.” The cast and crew have worked hard and have had to also record their One Act play in case something causes regions to need to go virtual. One Act region’s are on January 26th, 2021 in Canton, SD. If they

place in regions they will go to State in Rapid City, SD on February 5th and 6th, 2021. The cast and crew will also have a home performance at the District Education Center on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. In order to attend the home performance, you will need a ticket, all cast members will get two tickets. Good luck to the One Act cast and crew.

Lady Titans Defeat Tri-Valley on Senior Night



By Cassidy Gors

On January 12th, the lady Titans’ basketball team hosted senior night against Tri-Valley. The three seniors, Ellie Ritter, Olivia Ritter, and Hannah Hank were recognized for their commitment to the team. Ellie and Olivia have both played in the program all four years of high school. Hannah Hank has been the team manager for four years as well. I asked Olivia

Ritter what was most memorable about senior night, she said, “The most memorable part about senior night was probably getting to play with Ellie. We rarely get to play with each other so it was just fun that both of us were out there.” She continued saying that she will “miss being with all my teammates because we’ve gotten really close over the years. I’ll also

miss the atmosphere at home games because Tea has the best fans in the state hands down.” The ladies took the win against Tri-Valley 63-39. All three seniors have been strong leaders in the program. They have put in countless hours in the gym, their dedication will be missed next year.

Club Spotlight: FBLA

By Taylor Van Emmerik

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a fairly new club here at Tea Area High School. Primarily starting last year, FBLA aims “to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs” (FBLA website). As advisors Andrew Griffin and Scott Frey try to take a hands off approach.

“Last year we had different fundraisers, and I was really hands off with it” Griffin said, “I just asked when they wanted to do it, what they wanted to do, put it in their hands, and

we actually did fairly well. We actually did a bake sale last year and anything we didn’t sell we were able to take to the Bishop Dudley House”

With this sort of hands off approach, Griffin hopes to continue some of last year’s successes, “We had an online version of the state meet last year, we had a couple of students compete in it, who I think got 5th and 6th overall.”

FBLA provides a unique opportunity for those interested in leadership and business. Throughout the year, FBLA (in a normal year) holds many different events that show what

business leaders do on a day to day basis. There are also different state competitions and scholarships that students can take part in.

“There are a lot of scholarship opportunities with FBLA, for people interested in business, media, graphic design, or pretty much anything. It’s just a matter of being involved and putting yourself fully into it.”

If anyone is interested in joining FBLA, there is a \$10 fee to join. There will be an FBLA meeting on February 8th for those interested or you can join by emailing or visiting with Mr.Griffin or Mr.Frey.

New Faces

By Taylor Van Emmerik

This semester you might notice some new faces enlightening Tea Area High School. One of which is Andrew McCormick. Mr. McCormick is the son of Philip and Angie McCormick, and graduated from McCook Central High School. Mr. McCormick says his favorite high school memory was the day he graduated, as he was with all of his friends and classmates one last time. Mr. McCormick is currently a senior at the University of South Dakota and is majoring in history education. When Mr.McCormick first started his time at Tea Area he was a student teacher at the middle school with Mrs. DeJong. “Mr. McCormick was a great asset to Tea Area Middle School during his tenure” Mrs. DeJong says, “He has a knack for teaching, history and shoes. I look forward to



seeing him continue to learn about the teaching profession, and I have no doubt he is learning from the best with Mr. Decker.”

This semester Mr. McCormick is working with Mr. Decker who says “I have been impressed by Mr. McCormick’s enthusiasm and willingness to jump in and participate. He has shown an ability to relate to students well and has a passion for teaching and helping students. I am excited for the chance to work with him this semester.”

When asked why he wanted to become a teacher, Mr. McCormick replied, “I have a lot of experiences that led me to wanting to become a teacher. The one that stands out the most was a mentoring program I participated in during high school. I realized how much I enjoyed working with students and making a difference in their lives.”

And about his experience here at Tea Area High School? He is loving it, “I love being a Titan! It has been a wonderful experience working in both the middle and high school. From administration to the teachers and the students, I have found that the culture in this school district is outstanding!”

NFHS Streaming

By Cooper Leslie

The Tea Area School District has recently implemented a new streaming service for activities that take place in the high school gym. The streaming service, National Federation of High Schools, is free to parents, students and community members when they watch a regular season event at Tea Area High School. The service is free due to a donation from the Tea

Area Sports Boosters. There is an NFHS app available that will allow you to watch the games by selecting Tea Area as a favorite. I asked Mr. DeBoer, the schools athletic director, what his goals were for the new streaming service. He told me, “The goal is to have a venue for our constituents so they can watch Tea High School Events at no cost.” In addition

the news of the NFHS stream, Rick Willemson will eventually be returning as the Titan PA announcer. This new service is a great way to provide game access to Tea Area fans that may not be in attendance due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Class Officers 2021 Focus

By Brianna Adams

The year 2020 has come to a close and so has the first semester of the school year. Many students and staff are working hard on the second semester, including the class officers. When asked what the main focus of the second semester is, Chylee Thompson,

Junior class officer, said, “Our main focus right now is figuring out the situation with prom. We are hoping to have a prom this year, but it is not set-in-stone yet.” She was also asked what the biggest challenges were going to be with the goal of having the prom. Her response was, “We

have to go through Covid Safety Officials and decipher whether or not having a prom is even safe or not. It is a tough challenge due to Covid restrictions but we are hoping to come up with a plan that will satisfy everyone.”

LIFE IN TEA

ACT Test Prep Class

By Amber Aymar

As 2021 rolls around, so does the second semester of school for many students. During the second semester, lots of juniors and seniors in high school start to sign up for the ACT. The ACT stands for American College Testings, it is a standardized test that determines how prepared a highschool student may be for college. Not everyone has to take

the ACT, if someone is interested in going to a technical school, they will participate in a separate test, called an accuplacer test, similar to the ACT, that places students in the classes they need based on their test scores. Tea Area High School will be hosting an ACT prep class, in hopes of helping students prepare for this test. There are six days of this class, one

day for prep strategies, four days for each of the subjects, and one final day for the ACT practice test. This takes place from 5:30-8:30pm and costs \$75 to take. At the moment the course is full with the max amount of students allowed. Anyone interested in this course, or are wanting more details, can reach out to the school counselor, Amber Olafson.

New Staff Spotlight: Mr. Gannon

By Damien DeVries

When most people think of trying new things, they will most likely not think of jumping into it right away, but that wasn't the case for one of our new teachers Mr. Todd Gannon. Mr. Gannon teaches the CTE Manufacturing and Welding classes at Tea Area High School, and when asked about how many years he's been teaching, he surprisingly said, "This is my first year teaching!" When asked about his favorite part of teaching the CTE

Manufacturing class, he said, "Watching the students grow from not being able to weld or run a torch, to making their own projects from scratch - drawing it up, cutting parts with a variety of different tools, welding it and touching up their final project." Finally, nothing would be complete without some quick facts! A few fun facts about Mr. Gannon are: he has a twin sister, used to ride bulls, and that Mr. John Niesen was his last high school wrestling match

at the State Tournament (Niesen won), and now they coach together! Let's give a big Titan welcome to Mr. Gannon.



Bright Foundations Coming to Tea

By Cassidy Gors

New businesses continue to make Tea their home, the latest being Bright Foundations, a daycare. Planning to open mid-February if construction avoids delay. The business owners, Emily Olsen, "Enjoy the community feel that Tea has to offer. It is a great location for any

business." Over the years, they have watched Tea grow, and have seen the "increased need for daycare availability." They continue to have a fair amount of enrollments open, from infants through twelve year olds. "Bright Foundations has a vision of providing inclusive

child care. Our focus is on meeting individual needs of each child, and providing children of all abilities with opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed. Most importantly, we want to provide a safe, fun, and loving learning environment for families in our community."

Winter Driving Safety

By Sydney Hartman

Snow, sleet, ice, and below freezing temperatures have an effect on driving conditions. Winter storms and bad weather are a factor in nearly half a million crashes and more than 2,000 road deaths every winter. Drivers should know the safety rules for dealing with winter road emergencies. It is best to winterize your vehicle before winter strikes. This includes, checking your vehicle's tires and tire pressure, battery, belts and hoses,

radiator, oil, lights, brakes, exhaust system, heater/defroster, wipers and ignition system. Driving slowly is one of the most important things during winter. It is harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered road. Make sure you have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you. If you find yourself in a skid, take your feet off the pedals, stop breaking and accelerating, and quickly turn the steering wheel in the direction you want

to go. As the vehicle turns back in the correct direction you want to go, you will probably need to steer in the opposite direction to stop the turning and stay on your desired path. Lastly, make sure you wear your seat belt! You and everyone in the vehicle should be wearing a seat belt for the ride. Children should be in age and size appropriate child seats. Those are the essential tips for safe driving during the winter months.

New Years Flops?

By Damien DeVries

On average, a person will make 79 New Year's resolutions. 50% of adults in the United States don't even make resolutions, and out of the remaining, 10% only last a few months according to an article by Rabah Kamal for KFF. In another article by Patch.com, it is said that between 45-50% of adults in the United

States have more than one resolution to make it through the year. This year has been said to be a little different since COVID hit, and that has made a lot of uncertainty with the resolutions that people end up making. When asked about her resolutions, Junior Madison Brockberg said, "I didn't really have a

set goal going into the year, other than being done with 2020." and when asked in a follow-up question about it she then said, "I have been working on myself, and feeling better overall though, so maybe it's something." From all of us on the newspaper staff, we wish you a Happy New Year!

The Importance of Volunteering

By Dawson Portner

It should be a goal for everyone to become a productive member of society. The most overlooked trait of a productive citizen is their volunteer work. Almost every community has an opportunity to volunteer, whether it is through a school, organization, or community service project. Collin Knudson, Tea Area High School's Principal, has always

been big on volunteering. He said volunteering is important because "As a human being, giving back and helping your community is part of being a leader and making the world a better place." Mr. Knudson explained that in the past, a community service opportunity would come up and he would relay it to all of the high school staff and students. But,

because of COVID-19, physical volunteer work has been at a minimum. For that reason, Mr. Knudson has supplied the school with more online opportunities in places such as nursing homes and food pantries. It is never too late to begin volunteering, to not only better the community, but also better yourself as a person.

Class Is In Session

By Kortney Torgerson

When you think of teachers, you probably think that they are done with schooling, right? Well that isn't always the case. Quite a few teachers continue their education past their bachelor's degree. Tea Area High School teacher, Adam Schorzmman, is no exception. Schorzmman received

his bachelor's from SDSU and his masters from Dakota Wesleyan. Schorzmman's bachelor's degree is in history education with an english minor. Whereas his masters degree is in educational policy and administration. Schorzmman stated, "I didn't know if I wanted to teach high school right

away." He said that he wanted to continue his education because of coaching. Finding your calling card doesn't always come naturally to everybody. Continuing education takes hard work and dedication. As stressful and brain aching school can be, students aren't the only ones attending class.

A Covid New Years

By Kiyla Blakey

Friday, March 13th of 2020 changed everyone's lives. From changing family traditions for holidays, to whole cities locking down. New Years Eve is a time where people get together and embrace the new year. Covid-19 caused many restrictions on what you can and can't do, which

has left many families alone without their relatives. Some friends and families did Skype calls with others, some were able to do the same things they do every year. Maria Webb (11) said, "We went to a hockey game on New Year's Eve. Later that night we all hung out

as a family at my aunt's house. Compared to the years before, we had limited our time spent together and made sure that we were all healthy beforehand." Webb and some other families were lucky and able to spend time with family. New Years Eve was different for everyone this year.

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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Looking Back at Oral Interp

By Brianna Adams

As 2021 begins, it brings the end of the Oral Interpretation season. Oral Interp, also called interpretive reading or dramatic reading, is almost like acting but it’s actually interpreting a story and making it your own. This year, the club was coached by Cameron Schroder. Practices started in September and the group performed at State in December. The end of the season is assumed

to be in late February. When asked to reflect on this year’s Oral Interp season, Schroder said, “We had a small team, but the people who were on the team were very dedicated. Everybody on the team was a first year member. My expectations were just for them to come to practice, work hard, and compete the best they could. Even from day to day I saw such great progress

for each of them.” This year’s season was completely online, and Coach Schroder would like for next year to be more in person. She said, “We missed performing in person and receiving immediate feedback from the audience. Next year, hopefully, we will be going to live competitions and have our students compete in front of people.”

By Sydney Hartman

NWEA is a research based organization that creates academic assessments for students in k-12. According to NWEA.org, NWEA is used by over 9,500 schools and districts in 145 countries. Every student gets a unique set of questions based on their previous responses to questions. Every time a

NWEA Testing

student answers correctly, the questions get harder, but if the student answers the question incorrectly, the questions get easier. The purpose of MAP Growth is to determine what the student knows and is ready to learn next. MAP Growth can also track students’ individual growth over time. Most schools give MAP Growth

tests to students at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year. Most students take less than an hour to complete. However, Map Growth is not timed, and students can take as much time as they need. This data is often used for students to set goals and understand what they need to learn to achieve their goals.

Seniors Take Part in NCRC Testing

By Cooper Leslie

On January 22, 2021, the senior class at Tea Area High School took part in the NCRC test. NCRC stands for National Career Readiness Certificate. The test consists of different assessments in the categories of applied math, graphic literacy, and workplace documents. The test is taken to determine a student’s level of workplace

employability skills. At Tea Area High School, this test is mandatory for all seniors to take. I asked Mrs. Olafson, school counselor, how the test affects students. She replied, “The test doesn’t necessarily affect students, but it does show them if they are prepared for different occupations. It does not go towards their GPA, however it does show up on their

transcript.” Although the test is not high stakes, it can help a student better prepare for their future. If a student does poorly in one of the categories, it could help them to possibly eliminate some career choices, or vice versa. The test can help many students get a look into the future.

By Kortney Torgerson

It is around this time of year where Tea Area High School’s jazz band starts practice for a concert they hold in the spring. Generally practice starts in January, but this year it will be starting February 1. Practice will be held on Mondays from 7:35 to 8:15 am.

To get more information on what is in store for the season, Tea Area Band Director Mary Beth Sutton, was happy to give an insight as to what is in store. When asked how many songs preferred to be concert ready Sutton stated, “The number of songs we can get prepared will depend on members working on their music outside of the one rehearsal a week. When people practice the music outside of rehearsal, we

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can put it together without having to take time to learn the basic notes, rhythms and articulation and instead can focus on advanced concepts like balance, blend and intonation. I believe we would like to prepare three or four charts in contrasting styles.” To better grasp what jazz band will be working on, Sutton was asked to explain the playing style used to play jazz music. She had this to say, “Jazz music varies greatly from the swing music of the big band era to Samba/mambo and funk or jazz rock. The basic differences in jazz is the way you tongue or articulate the notes to get a different sound and of course, the harmonies are more complex. In jazz, music is based on different

scales like a seven note blues scale versus an eight note major scale in much concert band music. ”

As for what will be played? That is yet to be determined. It all depends on what the band can get the most concert ready. Sutton was asked if there were any composers that students leaned towards, she stated, “You students prefer newer jazz like funk and I enjoy it too, but I also think it is important you learn to play classics like “Take the A Train” or other swing music.” Sutton also mentioned that the plan is for the jazz band concert to be in May like it has in the past. By putting in the work and dedication, hopefully practices and the spring concert run smoothly.

First Semester in the Books

By Dawson Portner

Transitioning from middle school to high school is a long awaited milestone for many students. High school is where you take your previous nine years of knowledge and test it at a higher level. Then, the goal of high school is to prepare you for either college or the workforce. As we all know, the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year has come to a close. Presley Portner,

a freshman at Tea Area High School, was asked a few questions about how her first high school semester went. Presley said, “The first semester went good and fast. It was easy for me to get into a routine and get my work done.” Presley was then asked what the biggest change from middle school to high school was. She went on to explain that the biggest changes were the honors classes

and their grading scale, as well as the expanded freedoms that are given to students. Lastly, Presley told us her favorite part about high school is “being a part of the sports teams and attending all of the events.” Transitioning to high school can be a challenge for many students, but if properly prepared, it can also be easy and seamless.



How do you feel about Valentine’s Day?

By Amber Aymar



Carter McGregor (12)

“It’s just like any other day, it’s probably one of the most useless holidays.”



Cole Schilling (11)

“To me Valentine’s Day is like every other day, but if you do have a significant other, you should spend this day with them.”



Sydney Sherwood (10)

“I think Valentine’s Day is a cute day to show your love and sympathy for others in your life, not just a significant other.”



Maddie Baatz (9)

“I think it is a good day for people to get together with the ones they love, it seems like a day only for couples but I think it’s a day for love overall. Although I don’t think this should need a holiday, I believe it should be a part of everyone’s everyday life.”

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Bump, Set, Volleyball

By Ryen Hawkey

Although the school volleyball season ended in November, several Lady Titans continue their training in the offseason by playing for club teams. Alyssa Giles and Lizzy Spah practice anywhere from one to three times a week, and compete in regional tournaments starting in January. Spah, a freshman at TAHS, plays on MVP United 15 Red, a club team in Sioux City. MVP United teams travel regionally to Omaha and Des Moines. They practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays in preparation for their first tournament on January 16th and 17th, in Omaha, Nebraska. Spah has been on the Lady Titans varsity team since her eighth grade year, playing all front row positions- outside hitter, middle blocker, and right side hitter. Alyssa Giles, a junior at TAHS, plays for Pentagon Volleyball Club. She has played on the Titans varsity team since her sophomore

year. Giles plays on Pentagon 17 Blue, where she travels regionally to play tournaments, as well as practicing twice a week at the Pentagon in Sioux Falls. Her team travels to Minnesota and Iowa to compete against other teams in the area. Soon, she will travel to Minneapolis, MN for the Big City Luau Tournament on January 30th and 31st. This tournament, hosted by opposing club Kokoro Volleyball, has been successful in the past, hosting over 500 teams throughout eight age groups in 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, changes have been made for club volleyball teams nationwide, but the association is trying to still continue with the season for college recruiting purposes. Some tournaments have no-spectator requirements, whereas others have little to no restrictions. Most tournaments are partnering with popular

streaming sources such as BallerTV, to bring the game to fans at home. Most travel volleyball teams did not get to have their seasons last year, so everyone is very excited to get back on the court. However, one of the main reasons to play club volleyball is recruiting and exposure to colleges, but college teams have also been affected by the pandemic as well. Many schools postponed their entire seasons or championships, and a lot of schools are just starting their “2020” seasons in January. This affects high school players, especially the class of 2021 and ‘22. Colleges have been especially focused on recruiting this year’s seniors, since they did not get that opportunity in March 2020. Many conferences are also allowing players to have an extra year of eligibility, which makes it hard to recruit new players.

Track 2021

By Kaitlin Kuhnert

Covid hit hard around March of 2020 which meant the 2020 track season was cancelled. This upset many runners and throwers in high school. As we roll into 2021 everyone’s getting excited for track season. I interviewed senior track runner Ellie Ritter. How

did you feel about covid canceling track last year? “I was sad that track was cancelled because I had been training for my races in my time off, but I understood why it was cancelled and was glad everyone’s health was put first.” What events do you do? “ I

participate in the 400 and 800 mainly, occasionally participate in the 100, 200, or relays.”Are you looking forward to your senior year of track? “I am looking forward to my senior year of track a lot!! I can’t believe It’s going to be my last year!!” says Ritter.

Titan Basketball Traditions

By Rylee Rhead

A tradition at Tea is to go and cheer on our boys and girls basketball teams. In the following years the teams have done well in their basketball seasons. We have won many state championships and were state runner-ups as well.

The boys team has had a great season so far with a record of 5-4. They started off the season with four losses. Since then it has been nothing but straight wins! The roster 2021 seniors are Braden Beach, Austin Lake, Garrett Kolbeck, Caden Ellingson, Gabe Glanzer, and Marcus Bolin. Juniors are Gabe Grant, Jeffery Worth, Alex Pies, Cael Lundin, and Cole Schilling. Sophomores are

Blake Thompson, Jonah Kocer, Jackson Smythe, and Reis Kirschenmen. Braden Attema is the team manager. Head coach is Drew Weber. Assistant coaches are David Preheim, Austen Hurley, and Jordan Rausch. Garrett Kolbeck says, “I am excited for this season because we have a lot of potential this year. I’m excited to play with my teammates and to make a run at state.”

The girls team has also had an amazing start to the season. Their record is 8-3 and are currently number one in region four! The 2021 seniors are Olivia Ritter and Ellie Ritter. Juniors are Lexi

Coy, Grace Stansbury, Cassidy Gors, Brooke Deckert, Kaitlin Kuhnert, and Brynn Schupner. Sophomores are Kendra McKinney, Stella Peterson, and Jillian Huenink. Freshmen are Mara Grant, Maddie Baatz, and Katie Vasecka. The team is managed by Hannah Hank. Their head coach is Adam Schorzmann. Assistant coaches are Scott Binde and Alan West.

We as a community are here to cheer on both of these teams! Students are allowed to show their student ID’s, pay, and go cheer on their Titans! We all wish both these teams an amazing rest of the season. Good luck to all the players and coaches!

Alabama Defeats Ohio State for the College Football National Title

By Brody Wilken

On Monday, January 11, the Alabama Crimson Tide beat the Ohio State Buckeyes 52-24 for the College Football Playoff National Championship Title. Alabama’s Heisman winning receiver DeVonta Smith scored three touchdowns and had 215 receiving yards. Quarterback Mac Jones threw five touchdowns for 464 yards, finishing the game with a passer rating of 203.3. Alabama won the National Championship to cap off one of the most

dominant seasons of all time, going 13-0. The only team to keep within two possessions (six points) was Florida, who Alabama beat 52-46 in the SEC Championship. The team had three Heisman trophy candidates in quarterback Mac Jones, running back Najee Harris, and wide receiver DeVonta Smith. Many are predicting that the team has almost five players that are potential first-round draft picks for this upcoming NFL Draft. Their season rivals the

likes of 1995 Nebraska, 2004 University of Southern California (USC), and 2002 Miami for the title “Greatest College Football Team of All Time”. Sam Cahoy, a senior at Tea Area says, “Alabama was quite possibly the most dominant team in college football history this year. Nick Saban is going down in history.” Nick Saban now has his 7th National Championship win, giving the Crimson Tide their 16th National Championship.

Local Star

By Jeff Worth

Matt Farniok made headlines recently when he declared for the 2021 NFL draft. Farniok attended Washington High School in Sioux Falls and accepted a scholarship to play football at Nebraska,

Lincoln. ESPN 300 ranked the Sioux Falls native 21st among tackles and 257 overall in college football. Farniok isn’t projected to go in the early rounds of the 2021 NFL draft but will be a valuable pick in

the later rounds. Not many people from South Dakota get the opportunity to play in the NFL but there have been some big names to play and Farniok will be added to that list.

Summit League Tournament

By Jeff Worth

The Summit League recently announced that they will be hosting their annual tournament at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, SD. The league also announced that there will be no attendance during both the womens and mens tournament. The Summit League tournament always draws a big crowd, but this year will be different than past years. Usually, the tournament is held at the Denny Sanford Premier Center

because of the venue and the capacity it can hold, but since there are no fans allowed in attendance, they decided to move to a smaller venue. In a year full of uncertainty, it is good to see one of the most popular attractions continue to be hosted. Ryan Olson, a teacher at Tea Area, had this to say about the tournament, “I’d love to go watch the tournament in person to cheer on the Jackrabbits but I understand why the Summit League cannot

allow this. I think the lack of fans changes the game quite a bit. Without fans I don’t think there will be as large of momentum changes. I also believe some types of players thrive in a packed arena; those players will have to adjust to the new circumstances.” Mr. Olson also said he still plans on watching the tournament to cheer on his Jackrabbits.

“The Browns is the Browns”

By Sam Cahoy

On Sunday, January 10th, the Cleveland Browns played in their first football playoff game in 18 years. They battled their divisional rivals, the Pittsburgh Steelers. Carried to a 48-37 victory by their Quarterback, Baker Mayfield, the Browns move on to the divisional round of the playoffs. The score makes the

game look closer than it was. Cleveland scored 28 points in the first quarter alone. Not only that, but they scored on the first play of the game, and they were on defense! Ben Roethlisberger threw four interceptions to go along with four touchdowns. While Baker Mayfield threw for three touchdowns and zero turnovers.

The Browns are making franchise history by making it to the divisional round of the playoffs. This was the first time they won a playoff game since 1995. Baker Mayfield hadn’t been born until later that year.“It is crazy that it took that long. I think the future is looking bright for them” said Broderick Wilkens.

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7TH GRADE—Leah Ackmann, Jaycie Babb, Kennedy Bechard, Preslie Benning, Anna Binde, Caden Bohnenberger, Carter Brown, Carter Christensen, Ellie Clayberg, Mabel Cox, Chase Deboer, Meredith Decker, Jacob DeYoung, Natalie Gass, Kasen Groeneveld, Ryder Henriksen, Lanie Henry, Sage Hoffman, Jonathan Howe, Olivia Johnson, Makena Jutting, Ashlyn Karpinen, Cason Kelling, Cajmonai King, Jaden Knodel, Brenner Konrad, Gracie Kramer, Daschle Lowery, Madyson Markhardt, Madelyn McGuckin, Aubrey Mehlbrech, Brody Miller, Cole Northrup, Olivia Olawsky, Ava Opland, Cierra Otten, Kiley Pendergast, Cody Petersen, Gracelynn Preheim, Abigail Reemtmsa, Gavin Reiners, Isaiah Rollman, Morgan Sehr, Savannah Stahnke, Abby Thoreson, Zachary Webb, Kayden Williamson

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Iowa State announces fall 2020 Dean’s List

More than 11,000 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2020 Dean’s List. Students named to the Dean’s List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Named from Tea was Kaitlyn Marie Wesselink, 4, Microbiology.

Lardy named to NDSU dean’s list

Area South Dakota students were among the 4,312 North Dakota State University students to be placed on the fall 2020 dean’s list.

A student must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify for the dean’s list.

Earning the honor from Tea was Reanna Lardy, Architecture.

Local students graduate from SDSU

Area students graduated after the summer and fall 2020 semesters at South Dakota State University. The students listed below completed all requirements for a degree and/or certificate program and those requirements have been verified by the appropriate college.

Those graduating from Tea included: Tanner Kenneth Goodall, Bachelor of Music Education, SAHSS; Tammy Lynn Hall, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, SNURS; Enrique Ezequiel San Miguel, Bachelor of Science, SENG

Local students earn honors at USD

More than 2,100 students at the University of South Dakota are being honored for their high achievement during the fall 2020 semester with the release of the Dean’s List and Academic Honors.

Those named to the Dean’s List from Tea include the following students: Kiaya Rose Alderson, Brady Lang Bretzman, Emma Baker Daggett, Karlie Noel Heiding, Elisa Courtney Hillman, Shelby Jo Irvine, Lindsey Rebecca Jibben, Anna Mae Klocke, Heather Ann LaFave, Brittley Jean Minnaert, Emily Grace Weisenburger. Those named to the Fall 2020 Academic Honors List from Tea include the following students: Sara Marjorie Benson-Davis; Lanisha Ree Witkop.

Byrd named to Wayne State’s dean’s list

Wayne State College included more than 1,300 students on the dean’s list for exemplary academic achievement during the past semester. Students listed on the dean’s list are full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for the semester. S.D. Named from Tea was Jacob Byrd.

Henry earns degree from Concordia

Doug Henry of Tea, S.D., earned a Master of Education from Concordia University, Nebraska after completing their studies between December 2020 and January 2021.

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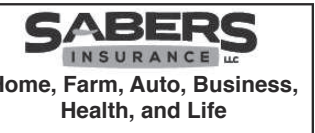
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Sealed bids for **Lincoln County Highway Maintenance Building Exhaust System Improvements** project will be received by the Lincoln County Auditor, 104 North Main Street, Suite 110, Canton, South Dakota, 57013, until **2:00 p.m. pre-vailing time on 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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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. 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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2021 Lincoln County Surfacing Project 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:
Cold Milling Asphalt Concrete.
Asphalt Concrete Surfacing.
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:

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A pre-bid conference will not be held.

BY:
Sheri Lund
Lincoln County Auditor
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NOTICE OF MEETING AND ELECTION PROPOSED HOMESTEAD ACRES 3RD ADDITION ROAD DISTRICT

A Meeting and Election will be held on February 9, 2021, to determine if the proposed Homestead Acres 3rd Addition Road District shall be formed. If the district is formed by this election, nomination and election of a Board of Trustees will take place at the meeting.

The meeting and election will begin at 7:00 P.M. central daylight savings time and continue until all present have voted.

The meeting and election will be held at 27229 Canary Court Tea, SD 57064.

The eligible voters for a road district formation election are described as one landowner of record per lot who own land within the legal description of the area to be included in the proposed district:

SHALL LOTS 34, 35 AND 36 OF HOMESTEAD ACRES, LOTS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, 9 AND 10 IN BLOCK ONE (1), LOTS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 AND 9 BLOCK 2, LOTS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, 8 IN BLOCK THREE (3) OF HOMESTEAD ACRES 3RD ADDITION, IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE1/4) OF SECTION THIRTY THREE (33), TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED (100) NORTH, RANGE FIFTY ONE (51), WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., LINCOLN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

Maximum votes per landowner regardless of the number of lots or parcels owned is ONE.

Voters with Disabilities may contact the Lincoln County Auditor, 104 N. Main, Canton, SD 57013, 605-764-2581, for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

Sheri Lund
Lincoln County Auditor
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2021 Annual Salary/Hourly Rates for Full-Time Lincoln County Employees

ANNUAL SALARY/ HOURLY RATES FOR FULL-TIME LINCOLN COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS 01-01-21: AUDITOR'S OFFICE- LUND SHERI 72,467.20, EISMAN AMY 18.24, FEILMEIER SHAUN 18.24, HOFER FRANCENE 21.92, MASSEY JEAN 19.16, ROEMEN KAYLA 18.69; TREASURER'S OFFICE- BLOCK DEBORAH 71,510.40, DAVIES CHRISTINA 25.42, MARTINSEN SANDRA 17.19, NELSON LORI 23.11, PETERS JOZLYN 17.19, RALFS TAMMIE 19.45, REINERS RHONDA 19.45, ROSHEIM BEVERLY 17.19, SMITH, COURTNEY 18.51, STECKELBERG SHALESA 17.19, 4-H-ORTMAN JESSICA 17.19, SWEETER WENDY 21.92; 911-BALDWIN TODD 73,278.40, BATES JONATHAN 21.00, BIER-SCHBACH DAVID 19.50, JOHNSON SCOTT 19.50, JONES PATRICIA 27.39, LEASE KYLE 26.90, ODEGARD DUSTIN 19.50, POPPENG GREGORY 26.90, RACCLIFFE TAMARA 26.90, STRAATMEYER RONALD 23.18, WINTER WILLIAM 26.23; DOE- GOOSSEN KARLA 91,187.20, BENTZ SARAH 17.62, EKLE DONNA 22.89, ERDMANN DAVID 22.33, GOLDEN DONELDA 26.55, HELLIGER ETHAN 24.05, HENKE KARA 17.62, NAGEL MATT 23.46, O'DELL CARI 17.62, PIESKE ETHAN 28.23, PREHEIM AUSTIN 23.46, PRZYBILLA APRIL 22.33, SEHR HEATHER 26.55, VANDESTROET SHARON 31.56; MAIN-TENANCE DEPT.- BAKER CHAD 21.64, HANSON JONATHAN 30.59, HENKE THOMAS 17.19, MASTALIR CATHERINE 21.64, OAKLAND JEANNE 21.64, ROMBOUGH JOHN 28.30, WINTER DENISE 22.37; EMC-TIMMERMAN HAROLD 75,358.40; GIS-PETERS JON 71,219.20, DIXON DAVID 27.04; IT-OAKLAND JAKE 94,744.00, BRANDT APRIL 25.74; P&Z- BROWN TOBY 94,744.00, CARLSON JOEL 22.89, CLEVELAND JENNIFER 18.69, DOSS JOAN 25.74, HOLTER KEITH 24.05; HWY- FLUIT TERRY 86,736.00, DELLE RIHANNON 18.69, DOBBE STEVEN 24.27, ERICKSON DONALD 22.55, FISCHER HARLAY 31.16, HEGGEN RUSSELL 27.39, LARSON CASEY 24.96, LARSON SONNY 18.51, LEMS TIMOTHY 24.96, MILLER MONTE 18.51, NARUM JARED 29.00, OLTMANS RYAN

20.95, PAULSON KYLE 24.96, RALFS TIM 22.47, SHARON DALE 27.56, STEFFEN SHAUN 26.88, SYMENS JAMES 21.00, VIETOR DOUG 24.27, WELLMAN WAYLON 24.35; ROD- MATHIESEN REBECCA 82,201.60, OSTBYE CINDI 20.95, VANDER BROEK REBECCA 21.39; SHERIFF-SWENSON STEVE 108,430.40, ASLESEN JOAN 26.90, BARTSCHER AARON 32.25, BAST KRISTA 22.95, BROWN CHAD 89,980.80, COLSHAN EDWARD 32.25, CORSINI ROBERT 22.55, DEGRANGE GREGRI 24.88, DRAEGER CARRIE 21.00, ESPLAND JARID 31.23, GAALSWYK SCOTT 29.87, HALVORSON ALECIA 23.11, JOHNS TRAVIS 29.58, KNUTSON DAVID 75,982.40, KUNTZ CHRISTOPHER 25.38, LANDON ASHLEY 25.38, LORD BENJAMIN 75,982.40, MARTINSON CONNOR 22.55, MCCLOUD CORY 28.66, NELSON BROCK 27.80, O'CONNOR SHARI 24.27, OLSON EVAN 24.88, STROSCHER LEAH 23.11, WELSH GARRETT 22.55, WOLLMAN BRENDA 19.45; STATES ATTORNEY- WOLLMAN THOMAS 125,299.20, ANDERSEN CANDACE 26.71, COPPOCK PAUL 76,440.00, DOHERTY SUSAN 31.56, EDEN AMANDA 80,288.00, GOLDEN WILLIAM 109,532.80, HAMRAN JENNIFER 24.27, HEADRICK RONDA 31.56, JENSEN CYNDI 21.39, MATTSON JOSEPH 74,588.80, NELSON ALISON 76,440.00, SOMMERVOLD JESSICA 26.07, WIESE RYAN 80,288.00, WILLIAMS ANJUE 24.05, WINQUIST 21.39; HUMAN RESOURCES-DISBURG JULIA 78312.00; 24/7 SOBRIETY- CARLSON JOSEPH 28.87; VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER- IRONS SUSAN 25.42

2021 Annual Salary/Hourly/Salary Rates for Part-Time Lincoln County Employees:

ANNUAL SALARY/HOURLY RATES FOR PART-TIME LINCOLN COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS 01-01-21: COMMISSIONERS- ARENDS JOEL 23,732.80, JIBBEN JAMES 23,732.80, LANDEEN TIFFANI 23,732.80, POPPENS MICHAEL 23,732.80, SCHMIDT JAMES 23,732.80, GILLESPIE DAVID 186.56; WIC-HENKE JANET 19.78; P&Z-LANDEEN TIFFANI 25/MTG, ALBERS RONALD 75/MTG, DEROUSSEAU MONTAQUE 75/MTG, ENSTAD COLLIN 75/MTG, JONGELING JERRY 75/MTG, PASHBY GARY 75/MTG, SCOTT ERIK 75/MTG, NAMMINGA STACEY 75/MTG, HOGAN WENDI 75/MTG, POPPENS MICHAEL 25/MTG, ARENDS JOEL 25/MTG; WEED BOARD- PAULSON PAUL 50/MTG, SIMUNEK ROGER 50/MTG, JIBBONS JAMES 15/MTG; SHERIFF PART TIME DEPUTIES- JOHNSON DENNIS 20.79, FLANAGAN STEVEN 23.69, NELSON LOWELL 28.16, SCHRANK MARLA 26.71, SCHURCH KEVIN 23.61, WEIBRECHT MARK 23.61, AIRPORT-MYERS DAVID 15.28, ROD-PLUCKER DONNA 17.47, STATES ATTORNEY- HARVISON GARY 24.49, DOE-TOAY DONNA 17.05, 911- STANSBURY JESSY 20.49

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2021 SPRING LOAD LIMITS LINCOLN COUNTY HIGHWAYS

Please be advised that the Lincoln County Highway Department will be posting the following load limits on designated County roads in accordance with SDCL 32-14-6.

The limits on Lincoln County Highways shall be set at seven (7) Tons per axle, 40 Tons Max, on designated asphalt surfaced highways and six (6) tons per axle on gravel roads during the spring thaw period **WHEN** load limit signs are in place. This axle weight limit is applicable to trailers and wagons as well as motorized vehicles.

Serious and expensive damage can occur to our highway system if Load limits are exceeded. Load limits will be removed at the earliest possible date, but may stay on through April 30, depending upon weather and road conditions.

Please be advised that the South Dakota Motor Carrier Services have been requested to enforce weight limitations on all Lincoln County Highways and that no overweight permits will be issued.

Your cooperation during this critical period will be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Lincoln County Highway Department.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

January 4, 2021
Lincoln County Highway Department requests sealed bids for road and bridge supplies and materials. These contracts consist of furnishing specific materials from March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022, and include:

Carbide Cutting Edges and Snow-plow Blades
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Crushed Concrete
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Plant Mixed Asphalt Materials
Quartzite Rip Rap
Rock Salt and Transportation
Supply and Application of Magnesium Chloride

Weed Control Chemicals
Sealed bids must be received through US Mail or hand-delivery by the Lincoln County Highway Office, 104 N. Main AVE, Ste B150, Canton, SD 57013, until 11:00am on Monday, February 8, 2021. Bids received after this date and time will not be considered and the unopened envelope returned to the bidder. Telephone, fax, and email bids will not be accepted.

To request a bid packet, contact the Lincoln County Highway Department at (605) 764-5841 or highway@lincolncountysd.org. Bids submitted on forms other than the those supplied by the Lincoln County Highway Department will not be considered. Lincoln County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive technicalities, and make award(s) as deemed to be in the best interest of the county.

Terry Fluit, Lincoln County Highway Superintendent
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LINCOLN CO. P&Z

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on February 16, 2021 regarding the rezoning request for the property legally described as Lot 4 of Tract 1 of Superior Addition in the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 18, Township 97 North, Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Lincoln County, South Dakota from the "C" Commercial District to the "I-1" Light Industrial District. Location: 28778 Superior Place - Beresford.

This public hearing will be held at the following time, date and location:

6:30 P.M.
February 16, 2021
Lincoln County Courthouse (104 N. Main Street, Canton)

The purpose of this hearing is to explain the proposed rezoning request to interested persons, to answer questions regarding this item, and to hear public comment on this item. The Planning Commission invites all interested persons to attend and offer their comments. Those interested persons not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to the Lincoln County Planning Director, 104 N. Main Street, Suite 220, Canton, SD 57013.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact the Planning Director at (605) 764-2938. Anyone who is deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-disabled may utilize Relay South Dakota at 711 or (800) 877-1113 (TTY/Voice). Notification 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this hearing.

Toby Brown
Planning Director
Published once at the approximate cost of \$18.26.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on February 16, 2021 regarding the rezoning request for the property legally described as Lot 5 of Tract 1 of Superior Addition in the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 18, Township 97 North, Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Lincoln County, South Dakota from the "C" Commercial District to the "I-1" Light Industrial District. Location: Intersection of 288th Street and 471st Avenue - Beresford.

This public hearing will be held at the following time, date and location:

6:30 P.M.
February 16, 2021
Lincoln County Courthouse (104 N. Main Street, Canton)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on February 16, 2021 regarding the review of conditional use permit 14-CUP-022 (Class 1 Major Home Occupation) on the property legally described as Tract 1 of Stratmeyer's Addition in the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 28, Township 100 North, Range 51 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Lincoln County, South Dakota. Location: 27169 467th Avenue - Tea.

This public hearing will be held at the following time, date and location:

6:30 P.M.
February 16, 2021
Lincoln County Courthouse (104 N. Main Street, Canton)

The purpose of this hearing is to review conditional use permit 14-CUP-022 for compliance with the terms, conditions or requirements placed on the conditional use permit and to hear public comment on this item. The Planning Commission invites all interested persons to attend and offer their comments. Those interested persons not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to the Lincoln County Planning Director, 104 N. Main Street, Suite 220, Canton, SD 57013.

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Toby Brown
Planning Director
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on February 16, 2021 regarding amendment of the 2009 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Lincoln County. Specifically, the Planning Commission will be considering a recommendation of adoption to the Board of County Commissioners for amendments to Article 12.00, Additional Use Regulations, Section 12.09(F), Minimum Separation Distances (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations).

A copy of the proposed amendments to the 2009 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Lincoln County are available for public review at the Lincoln County Courthouse in the office of Planning and Zoning during regular business hours.

This public hearing will be held at the following time, date and location:

6:30 P.M.
February 16, 2021
Lincoln County Courthouse (104 N. Main Street, Canton)

The purpose of this hearing is to explain the proposed amendments to interested persons, to answer questions regarding these items and to hear public comment on these items. The Planning Commission invites all interested persons to attend and offer their comments. Those interested persons not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to the Lincoln County Planning Director, 104 N. Main Street, Suite 220, Canton, SD 57013.

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Toby Brown
Planning Director
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CITY OF TEA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Tea Planning and Zoning Board on Tuesday, February 9th, at approximately 5:35 P.M. and the City Council, acting as the BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021, at approximately 7:05 P.M. at Tea City Hall, 600 E. 1st Street, Tea, South Dakota, for the purpose of considering an application for a conditional use in R1: SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

SUCH CONDITIONAL USE will be considered for the following described property: 700 S. James Avenue – Lot 21, Block 4, Boulder Addition, Tea, Lincoln County, SD.

DESCRIPTION OF CONDITIONAL USE: Group Day Care
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT: any person, persons, or their agent or attorney may appear at said scheduled public hearing and present objections.

DATED AT TEA, SOUTH DAKOTA this 25th day of January, 2021.

Kevin Nissen,
Zoning Administrator
Published January 29th, 2021 at the approximate cost of \$11.62.

City of Tea Planning & Zoning Meeting December 8th, 2020 Tea City Hall

A regular meeting of the Tea Planning & Zoning Board was held December 8th, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Vice-President Bob Venard called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. with the following members present: Stan Montileaux, Bob Venard, Todd Boots and Barry Maag via speaker phone. Also present was Kevin Nissen, Planning and Zoning Administrator. President Joe Munson was absent.

Agenda: Motion by Montileaux, Second by Montileaux to approve the December 8th, 2020 agenda. All Members voted AYE.

Minutes: Motion by Maag, Second by Montileaux to approve the November 10th, 2020 minutes. All Members voted AYE.

Public Comment: None
5:40 Rezone Public Hearing – 107 S. Deerview, Application to Rezone from R1-Residential to R2-Residential.
Applicant: Dale & Susan Dachtler

Location: 1st & Deerview Ave. (Lot 1, Blk 13, Prairie Trails Add.)

The Board held a public hearing to discuss rezoning Lot 1, Block 13, Prairie Trails Addition from R1- Residential to R2-Residential. The application wants to remodel the home into a duplex and rent the lower level. Nissen reviewed the building code requirements for a duplex with the applicant. The rezone application was withdrawn. **Motion** by Maag, Second by Montileaux to deny the rezone request. All Members voted AYE.

Plat: Lots 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A & 4B, Block 6, Heritage Addition, City of Tea, SD

Owner: John Schwartzle
Zoning: R1-Residential
Surveyor: JSA Engineering

The Board reviewed the re-plat for twin-homes on N. Main Avenue submitted by JSA Engineering and John Schwartzle Construction. The foundations are constructed and used to determine the common wall property line. The setbacks correspond with R1-Residential zoning. HDR reviewed and recommends approval of the plat. **Motion** by Montileaux,

Second by Maag to approve the twin home plat of Lots 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A & 4B, Block 6, Heritage Addition, City of Tea, SD. **Motion** by Montileux. Second by Maag to approve the plat of Lots 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A & 4B, Block 6, Heritage Addition in the City of Tea. All Members voted AYE.

Raeco Builders Foundation/ shell Building Permit #20-328
Owner: Raeco Builders, Tom Jurgens

Location: 2100 E. Industrial St.
Contractor: Raeco Builders
Subarea: B

The Board reviewed the structural plans for a 13,420sf office/warehouse building at 2100 E. Industrial Street. The owner will be constructing a building shell for sale or lease. The interior build will require additional stamped plans for approval. The structural plans were submitted to Codeworks and approved to move forward with the foundation and building exterior. **Motion** by Maag, Second by Boots to approve BP#20-328. All Members Voted AYE.

J&R Mechanical Building Permit #20-329

Owner: Josh Chapman
Contractor: Chad Javers Construction

Location: 110 W. 2nd Street

The Board reviewed the building permit and plans for a 4680sf shop located at 110 W. 2nd Street. The street side of the building will have increased architecture standards. The elevation indicates a hardboard siding and brick. The primary use for this building is product storage including vehicles. The floorplan does show offices. The structural, electrical and mechanical plans have been reviewed and approved by Codeworks. We are waiting on the plumbing plan for final permit approval. **Motion** by Boots, Second by Montileaux to approve BP #20-329. All Members voted AYE.

Fonder's Keepers Storage Building Permit #20-342

Owner: Mark Fonder
Engineer: Infrastructure Design Group

Location: Lot 2, Block 6, Bakker Landing Addition

Contractor: NuAge Builders
Zoning: PD – Planned Development Subarea C

The Board reviewed the building plans to construct a multi-building storage complex located in Bakker Landing Addition. Stamped Engineered plans were submitted to Codeworks for review and approval. A Foundation permit was approved on November 10th as we waited for stamped plans. Dave St. Pierre indicated a firewall was needed to separate the larger buildings. Those comments were given to the Contractor. **Motion** by Boots, Second by Montileaux to approved BP #20-3342 with the changes. All Members voted AYE.

Laurie's Warehouse Addition Site Plan

Location: Katie Rd., Lot 4B, Blk. 5, Kerslake Add.

Engineer: EGA Engineering
Contractor: Chad Javers Construction

The Board reviewed the plans to add 3400sf to the existing building. The site plan does comply with the Lincoln County zoning setbacks. HDR reviewed and recommended approval to Lincoln County. **Motion** by Montileaux, Second by Maag to approve the Laurie's Warehouse Addition Site Plan. All Members voted AYE.

RBS Sanitation Parking lot addition Site Plan</

UPDATES FROM YOUR SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATORS

Rep. Aaron Aylward, District 6

I hope this letter finds you all doing well, in District 6. The last two weeks of the legislative session have flown by and things will now get a little more hectic as we start to debate on important topics within our state. The first two weeks of session were filled with the State of the State, the State of the Judiciary, and the State of the Tribes. By now, many of you have probably heard much about Governor Noem’s address and have been filled in on those topics. I will say that I agree with many of Governor Noem’s ideas and I strongly support her goal of cutting needless red tape and making this a business and family friendly state.

The first couple of weeks were calm and not a lot of controversial things were voted on. We had a few days where we voted on “consent calendar” items. Consent calendar items are bills that passed out of committee with no opposing testimony and no opposing votes. Those bills then make it to the floor and are voted on as a group. Last week they included bills such as HB 1004 – Repeal the registration requirement for medical assistants, and HB 1007 – Revise certain provisions regarding checks or bid bonds for public improvements. Many of these bills have been in regard to cutting needless barriers for employees or replacing certain language that a state board believes to be more accurate.

As we head into the next few weeks, things will ramp up and

I believe debate will become more common. Here is a small list of things that will be brought about and debated on in committees, and possibly the house and/or senate floors.

- Election reform
- Food freedom
- A focus to protect due process when it comes to firearms
- Asset forfeiture reform
- Pro-life advancements
- Education reform and more choice in education avenues
- Recalling county commissioners
- Lowering blockchain regulations
- Philosophical and religious exemptions for individuals
- Lowering occupational regulations and licensing
- Broadband expansion
- Property rights protections when it comes to drones
- Property rights protections/ reform when it comes to landlords
- Reforming licensing requirements for hunting and fishing for senior citizens
- Protections for the National Guard
- Property tax relief
- Cannabis regulation

As the session moves along, I will update you with important legislation that was voted on, and any important things coming down the pike. On February 6th, there will be a legislative coffee at the STI campus in Sioux Falls, and then following that, a legislative coffee in Tea (1:30 p.m. at Tea City Hall).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

By Rep. Ernie Otten, District 6

Last week, we concluded our eighth legislative day.

HB 1058, my recall bill for county commissioners, was supposed to have been heard in House Local Government Jan. 21, but was reassigned to this past Tuesday, Jan. 26. I thank those of you who testified or contacted the committee to support the bill.

I have been working on implementing medical marijuana since it passed the entire state last November. I’m working with a legislative subgroup that is also working on medical marijuana. The state has hired a group called Cannabis Public Policy Consulting to help SD set up regulatory policies. Some of the safety issues we need to address: testing to know plant THC levels; are there any pesticides that have infiltrated the flower to be harvested; plant tracking; business vetting; law enforcement training; and these are only a small part of the regulatory policies that must be worked through to make sure that our citizens, schools, etc. will be safe.

Recreational marijuana or Amendment A should have its first court hearing on Jan. 27th. We believe that as it works its way through the courts, it will be late fall before it gets to the Supreme Court for final ruling. However, with the new Washington Administration, legalizing marijuana may make all our work a moot point, but many of us are committed to enacting it in South Dakota safely either way.

Gov. Noem on Tuesday an-

nounced Executive Order 2021-03 to merge the Departments of Agriculture & Environment and Natural Resources. The new department will be called the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR). This was heard by the Senate Agriculture Committee. This new streamlined dept will be headed by Hunter Roberts who said, “providing effective and effective services to help our producers spend less time on government regulations and more time on getting their work done.” I have served on Agriculture for eight years in the Senate. I now serve on Transportation and Tax. I have gotten briefs from Agriculture and Natural Resources as well as the Department of Natural Resources. I personally am having problems on how the merger will work because I see both as distinctly different agencies with distinctly different roles that serve the people of South Dakota especially in the areas of mining and water. I will keep an open mind and wait for the briefing on the House side.

HB 1046 is an act to limit liability for certain exposures to Covid-19. The bill would protect industries such as healthcare providers, personal protective equipment manufacturers, etc. and states that those who claim damages for exposure to Covid-19 cannot do so unless exposure ends in a positive Covid positive test result and shows that the exposure was intentional “by clear and convincing evidence”. In its current form, the bill would apply to claims of damages that occur after Jan. 1, 2020.

SDDA seeking public comments on the draft coordinated plan for Natural Resources Conservation

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) is seeking public comments on the draft Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation.

The draft 2021 Coordinated Plan for Natural Resource Conservation presents a consensus from stakeholders on activities the State Conservation Commission should focus on to protect and enhance natural resources and outlines achievable goals and objectives for the next five years. Focus areas include water, air, recreation and wildlife, public awareness, funding sources, and forestry. The updated plan continues to reflect South Dakota’s commitment to work together to implement conservation programs to protect and preserve South Dakota’s natural resources. The plan was last updated in 2012.

The draft plan is now complete and is available at <https://sdnaturalresourcesplan.com/>

Comments may be submitted online or via email to SDRCF@state.sd.us and must be received by Monday, February 22, 2021.

In the fall of 2019, SDDA hosted a series of open house meetings across the state to gather input on a broad range of conservation topics for consideration during development of the draft plan. In addition to the comments received, SDDA reviewed the goals and objectives from the 2012 plan to help assess natural resource needs moving forward.

By design, the Coordinated Plan for Natural Resources Conservation fosters collaboration between federal, state, conservation districts, and local groups to develop proactive, voluntary conservation efforts within South Dakota to protect and preserve our natural resources.

Hanson begins fourth term on S.D. Public Utilities Commission

South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioner Gary Hanson took the oath of office on Jan. 4, 2021, marking the official start to his fourth term on the PUC. Hanson’s longtime friend, Judge Larry Long, administered the oath at a private ceremony in Lincoln County.

Hanson was first elected to the PUC in 2002 and was re-elected by South Dakota voters in 2008, 2014 and 2020. During his time with the commission, Hanson has

had the opportunity to take on many leadership roles including serving as the PUC’s chairman for seven years, leading the Mid-America Regulatory Conference as their current president and representing South Dakota on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ Electricity Committee, Electric Vehicle Working Group, and Low-income Energy Forum, just to name a few.

View Hanson’s full biography at www.puc.sd.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF TEA

City of Tea
Planning & Zoning Meeting
November 10th, 2020
Tea City Hall

A regular meeting of the Tea Planning & Zoning Board was held November 10th, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Vice-President Bob Venard called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with the following members present; Stan Montileaux, Bob Venard, Todd Boots and Barry Maag via speaker phone. Also present was Kevin Nissen, Planning and Zoning Administrator. President Joe Munson was absent.

New Board Member: The Tea City Council appointed Todd Boots to the open Board position. Motion by Maag, Second by Montileaux to approve Todd Boots to the Planning & Zoning Board. All Members voted AYE.

Agenda: **Motion** by Montileaux, Second by Boots to approve the November 10th, 2020 agenda. All Members voted AYE.

Minutes: **Motion** by Montileaux, Second by Maag to approve the October 20th, 2020 minutes. All Members voted AYE.

Public Comment: None

Fonder's Keepers Storage Site Plan

Owner: Mark Fonder

Engineer: Infrastructure Design Group

Location: Lot 2, Block 6, Bakker Landing Addition

Zoning: PD – Planned Development Subarea C

The Board reviewed the site plan to construct a multi-building storage complex located in Bakker Landing Addition. The building setbacks correspond with the Subarea C of the Bakker Landing Planned Development District. The building layout acts as screening for the interior structures. The site is fenced and will have street trees on two sides. The overhead power lines and easement is shown on the south end of the lot. An island was created to protect the power poles. The main access will be off Trade Street. The Board questioned the drainage plan and no additional detention. Sheet 10 indicates Detention Pond #8 (south of this site) was expanded to handle the additional flow. No municipal utilities will be utilized for this project. **Motion** by Boots, Second by Montileaux to approve the site plan for a multi-building storage unit complex in the Bakker Landing Addition. All Members voted AYE.

Fonder's Keepers Foundation Permit #20-329

Owner: Mark Fonder

Contractor: Nuage Builders

Location: Lot 2, Block 6, Bakker Landing Addition

Zoning: PD – Planned Development Subarea C

The Board reviewed the foundation and structural plans for the multi-structure facility.

The structural building plans were sent to Codeworks for review and recommends moving forward with the Foundation until additional plans are submitted for final review. The building elevations does show additional stone on the street facing side walls.

Motion by Montileaux, Second by Maag to approve the building plans and permit #20-329. All Members voted AYE.

Plat: Tract 1 & Tract 2, of

Gaede-Putzke Addition, Section 24, Lincoln County

Owners: Brian Gaede & Mark Putzke

Zoning: A-Agriculture (Proposed C-Commercial for Tract 2)

Surveyor: Midwest Land Surveying

The Board review a plat to subdivide a parcel into two tracts. The exhibit shows the home on Tract 1 and barn on Tract 2. The Owners plan to request a rezone of Tract 2 to Commercial for camper storage and sales. The public hearing is set for November 16th, 2020. A concept site plan was sent to HDR for review. No grading or utilities are needed for this site. Ben referred the site plan to Lincoln County for approval. Any grading work will require a Floodplain Development Permit through Lincoln County.

Gaede-Putzke Site Plan – Tract 1 & 2, Lincoln County

Engineer: Design & Development Engineering

Location: Tea/Ellis Rd.

The Board reviewed the preliminary site plan for an outdoor camper storage area along Nine Mile Creek. The Engineer indicates the site grading would not change or a Floodplain Development Permit would be needed by the County. The tract was re-platted with the storage on Tract 2. Access would be from Tract 1. The site plan has 69 parking spots shown. HDR recommended to the Board no further reviews are required. The landowner will need the appropriate zoning and permitting from the County to move forward.

Inspection Sheets. The Board reviewed inspections sheets submitted by Building Inspector, Tim Odland.

Other Business. None

MOTION by Montileaux, Second by Boots to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. All Members voted AYE.

Bob Venard – Zoning Board Vice-President

ATTEST:

Kevin Nissen – Zoning Administrator

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City of Tea
Regular Meeting
January 18, 2021

A regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on January 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor John Lawler called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with the following members present: Sidney Munson (via Zoom), Jim Erck, Casey Voelker (via Zoom) and Joe Weis. Also present: Finance Officer Dawn Murphy, Planning & Zoning Administrator Kevin Nissen and City Administrator Dan Zulkosky. Councilmember Chuck Ortmeier was absent.

AGENDA. MOTION 21-13. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Erck to approve the January 18, 2021 agenda with the removal of supplemental payroll. All members voted AYE.

CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION 21-14. MOTION by Voelker, seconded by Erck to approve the following January 18, 2021 consent agenda items:

Approval of January 4, 2021 Minutes

Approval of January 18, 2021 Claims

Approval of the following Plats

a) Lots 1A, 2A, 3A, 5A & 6A, Block

6, Boulder Addition, City of Tea

b) Lots 15A & 16A, Block 18, Prairie Trails Addition, City of Tea.

c) Lots 2-13, Block 4, Heritage Addition, City of Tea

All members voted AYE.

There were no public comments.

ANNEXATION. Kevin has received a petition from Herman Otten requesting annexation of his property on the west side of town.

RESOLUTION 21-01-02. MOTION 21-15. MOTION by Erck, seconded by Munson to approve the following resolution. All members voted AYE.

WHEREAS there has been a petition received seeking to include certain real property within the corporate boundaries of the City of Tea; and WHEREAS, the petition has been signed by not less than three-fourths of the registered voters and by the owners of not less than three-fourths of the value of the territory sought to be annexed to the City of Tea; and WHEREAS the property is contiguous to the City of Tea on its east boundary and WHEREAS, said petition complies with all requirements of SDCL 9-4-1; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TEA, SOUTH DAKOTA that the following described properties be and the same hereby are included within the corporate limits of the City of Tea, and the boundary of the City is hereby extended to include such territory as allowed by SDCL 9-4-1: Schoen Tract 2, SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 26-100-51, Lincoln County, SD to also be known as Lots 1, 2, 3, 1A, 2A, 3A, Block 1 of Ma's & Pa's Addition to Tea.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2021

John M. Lawler, Mayor

ATTEST: Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT. Kevin gave a brief recap of the 2020 building permits. Information is on the City of Tea's website.

MOTION 21-16. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Erck to Adjourn at 7:20 pm. All members voted AYE.

John M. Lawler, Mayor

ATTEST: Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer

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CITY OF TEA
WARRANTS PAID JANUARY 18, 2021

ENGINEERING 4196—HDR Engineering General 2,010.00; HDR Engineering P & Z 2,465.00; HDR Engineering Drainage 165.00; HDR Engineering Streets 1,290.00; HDR Engineering TAP Grant 3,942.00; HDR Engineering LRTP 3,330.75; HDR Engineering GIS 52.50.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS 4192—Ace Hardware Supplies; City of Tea 510 S. Main water 78.90; City of Tea City Hall water 147.80; City of Tea Community building water 58.40; Fareway Supplies 224.90; Innovative Office Solutions Supplies 80.02; Mid American Energy 510 S. Main 409.05; Mid American Energy 600 E. 1st St. 571.60; Mid American Energy 200 W. Maple 242.70; U Drive Technology Monthly texting 81.60; Vast Maintenance Dept. 119.74; Vast City Hall 459.04.

PUBLIC SAFETY 4210—Anderson, Darla Cleaning 12/27 50.00; Banner Design services 15,757.00; Christensen, Parker Clothes 112.50; City of Tea Water 58.40; ELBO Computing Resources

Antivirus 576.00; Get N Go Gasoline 1,287.84; Innovative Name plate 23.50; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment Badge 98.99; Mid American Energy Services 199.06; Midwest Alarm Company 1/1-3/31 alarm monitoring 87.00; Sioux Falls Humane Society December services 220.80; Vast Phone 574.83

HIGHWAY/STREET 4312—Bumblebee-Gibson Ice melt 2,208.05; Casey's 1/3 gasoline 57.14; Diamon D Construction Boulder Add. drainage fixes for future sidewalk 8,034.03; Mac's Hinges 38.35; Southeastern Electric Street lights 3,283.22; Southeastern Electric Locates 65.00; Sturdivant's Auto Parts Transmission cooler 175.99; Tri-State Garage Door Shop door opener 235.00; Xcel Energy Street-lights 3,569.00

WATER 601—Casey's 1/3 gasoline 57.13; City of Sioux Falls Bacteria tests 174.00; Innovative Office Solutions Supplies 80.02; Lewis & Clark Regional Water 9,156.204 December usage 20,602.92; Metering & Technology Solutions Meter bodies 1,131.45

SEWER 604—Casey's 1/3 gasoline 57.13; Innovative Office Solutions Supplies 80.03; Midco Lift station phone 40.18

3RD PENNEY 211—Mid American Energy Pool 15.00; Vast Phone 39.75

272ND ST. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT—HDR Engineering 7,327.50

HAGEDORN STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT—HDR Engineering 42,791.25

GATEWAY BLVD CAPITAL PROJECT 515—HDR Engineering Real Estate Services 2,185.38; Meierhenry Sargent Condemnations 436.00; Sweetman, Patrick Property relocation reimbursement 14,829.60

TOTAL APPROVED 01/18/21: 142,288.05

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CITY OF TEA
NOTICE FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Tea, South Dakota will receive sealed bids at the office of the Finance Officer in Tea, SD for the purchase of one new 14' combination dump-sander body with liquid pre-wet system and quick hitch plow mount, to be installed on a 2021 114 Freightliner chassis. Bid to include hydraulics and installation costs.

All bids are to be sealed and marked "equipment bid" and received by the Finance Officer of the City of Tea, South Dakota, at Tea City Hall, 600 E. 1st St., PO Box 128, Tea, SD 57064 not later than 2:00 p.m., February 10.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids deemed not to be in the best interest of the City of Tea, South Dakota. The City of Tea is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Addition specifications or questions can be directed to Utility Superintendent Thad Konrad at (605) 940-8504 or (605) 498-2906.

Dawn R. Murphy
Finance Officer

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CITY OF TEA
NOTICE FOR BIDS

The City of Tea, SD, requests formal bids for the East 1st Street Extension Project in Tea, SD.

Sealed bids must be received by the City of Tea, City Hall, 600 East 1st Street, Tea, SD 57064, not later than 2 p.m., February 11th, 2021. Bids received after 2 p.m. will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read in City Hall, at 2:05 p.m.

Bid documents and construction plans are available from Quest Construction Data Network (<http://www.questcdn.com>); cite project #7515781.

This project consists of utility installations and roadway reconstruction along East 1st Street (aka 272nd Street) between Heritage Parkway and Sundowner Avenue east of the City of Tea.

Work will include roadway gravel surfacing removals, installation of utilities (water main, sanitary sewer, sanitary force main, and storm culvert pipes for driveways), installation of roadside ditch concrete lined drainage channels, aggregate roadway base, concrete and asphalt surfacing, street lighting, pavement markings, street signs, drainage ditch (creek) clearing, and temporary and permanent erosion control.

This project is close proximity to the City of Tea's Hagedorn Industrial Park project and must be bid together.

The Hagedorn Industrial Park Project includes separate bid documents for Project No. T-2021-002.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at Tea City Hall (600 E. 1st Street – Tea, SD) Tuesday February 9th, 2021 at 10:30 am.

Each Bid for this project must be accompanied by a guaranty in the amount of 5% of the total amount bid. Satisfactory forms of proposal guaranties are certified checks, cashier's check, or bank draft issued upon a national or state bank, and bid bonds issued in accordance with South Dakota Law and made payable to the City of Tea.

The Bid Proposal Guarantee will be retained by the OWNER as liquidated damages if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into an Agreement within twenty (20) days after Notice of Award or fails at time of executing the contract to furnish a Contract Performance Bond guaranteeing the faithful performance of the work.

The Bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to furnish a Contract Performance Bond to the OWNER in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract award. The Contract Performance Bond will remain in effect for not less than one year after the date of the City of Tea's letter of Final Acceptance.

A Certificate of Insurance will be required from the successful bidder prior to beginning work.

Bids may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for opening them. The City of Tea reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive technicalities, and make award(s) as deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Tea, SD.

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Dated this 29th day of January, 2021.

Dawn R. Murphy
Finance Officer

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Bid documents and construction plans are available from Quest Construction Data Network (<http://www.questcdn.com>); cite project #7515750.

This project consists of roadway gravel surfacing removals, asphalt milling, installation of utilities (water main, sanitary sewer, and storm culvert pipes for driveways), installation of roadside ditch concrete lined drainage channels, aggregate roadway base, concrete and asphalt surfacing, street lighting, pavement markings, street signs and temporary and permanent erosion control.

This project is close proximity to the City of Tea's East 1st Street (aka 272nd Street) Extension project and must be bid together.

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The South Dakota Board of Regents is soliciting sealed bids on approximately 175 +/- acres of tillable farm land for lease beginning with the 2021 crop year and ending with the 2023 crop year (December 2023.) The land is located along Hwy 38 (North 60th Street) between I-29 and Marion Road in NW Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County.

The Lessor is entertaining both annual crop bids and/or perennial alfalfa/grass lease bids. The Lessor reserves the right to reject any bid. Bids are due by 5pm on Feb. 5, 2021.

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Above: Cael Lundin fights for the rebound against Aberdeen Central.

Titan boys defeat Aberdeen Central, fall to STM and SFC

By Anne Homan

On Friday, Jan. 22 the Tea Area High School boys’ basketball team hosted Class AA Aberdeen Central. Four Titans were in double figures as Tea Area earned their sixth win in a row, defeating Aberdeen Central 61-64.

The Titans started off strong, leading 19-7 at the end of the opening quarter but Aberdeen Central clawed their way back and kept things interesting until the end but key free throws and buckets down the stretch gave the Titans the win.

Cael Lundin finished the night with 21 points, Garrett Kolbeck and Jeff Worth each scored 12 points and Reis Kirschenmen had ten points in the game.

“I thought we played very well on Friday night and were able to close out a game with some shot-making and defensive stops to get the win,” said Titan head coach Drew Weber. “We got great production across the board and made plays when it really mattered.”

Also scoring on the night was Austin Lake who finished with five points and Caden Ellingson who had four.

Leading the team in rebounds was Lake who grabbed nine in the game. Lake also led in assists with seven in the game. Kirschenmen grabbed six rebounds and Ellingson and Lundin each had four. Worth had three assists and Ludin finished with three steals.

Following their win over Aberdeen Central, the Titans took to the road to compete in the Hanson Classic at the Mitchell Corn Palace on Saturday, Jan. 23. Tea Area faced off against a strong St. Thomas More team.

The Titans found themselves trailing early as St. Thomas More jumped out of the gates with a 14-9 first quarter lead. The Titans managed to cut the lead at the half, trailing only by 1, 25-24. However, in the third quarter the Titans were outscored 17-7 and St. Thomas More went on to take the 57-45 victory, ending the Titans’ six game winning streak.

“On Saturday, we really struggled to get the tempo in our favor. STM loves to take the air out of the ball and we just weren’t able to get them sped up,” said Weber. “We had a hard time putting the ball in the basket for stretches at a time, which is something we have to fix against teams that play a physical style of defense.”

For the Titans against St. Thomas More, Worth led the way with 14 points, three rebounds and two assists. Kolbeck had 12 points, one rebound and two assists. Kirschenmen finished with seven points, three rebounds and both Lundin and Ellingson had six points in the game. Ellingson had two rebounds and Lundin pulled down four and had two assists. Lake led the team in assists with four on the night. He also led in rebounds, pulling down five in the game.

On Tuesday, Jan. 26 the Titans took on

At right: Austin Lake goes high for the rebound in the Titans’ match-up against Aberdeen Central. Lake grabbed nine rebounds in the game.



Above: Reis Kirschenmen takes the shot over the Aberdeen Central defender. Kirschenmen finished with ten points in the game, having a strong opening quarter. Photos by Anne Homan



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