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## Hand County positivity rates see significant decrease

The Hand County COVID19 Task-force met at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020. The meeting was held in the Assembly Room at the Hand County Courthouse. Only five members were present in the room the rest joined the meeting via the Internet.

As of December 8, Hand County has had 295 positives. Of the 295 positives, 243 have recovered and 52 are active. There is a 5.3% - 7 day positivity rate and a 7.2% - 14 day positivity rate. The positivity rates are the lowest they have been in at least two months.

As of December 8, Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital had 3 patients. This is the hospitals annual daily average.

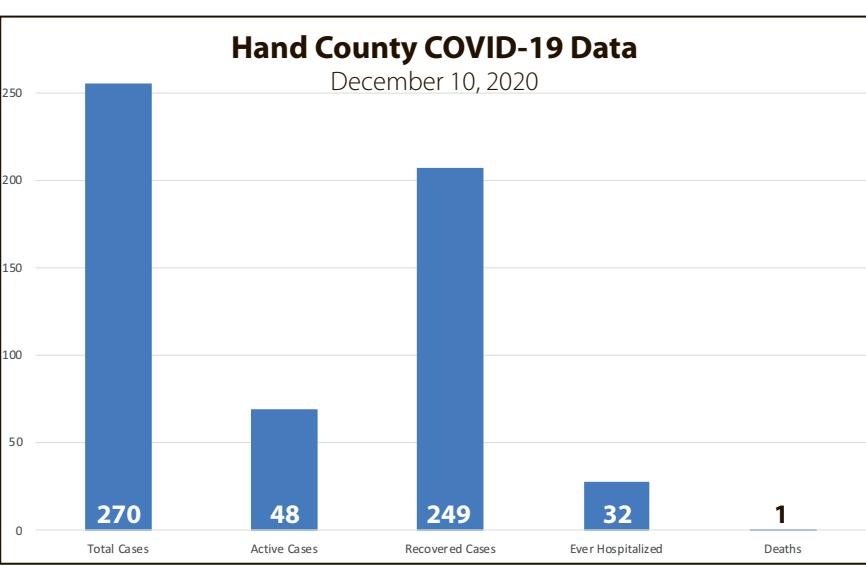
The CDC recently released options to reduce quarantine from 14 to 10 days and in some cases to 7 days. Avera is adopting the new standard, which will be to quarantine through day 10 since the date of last exposure. If someone has quarantined through day 10 and is asymptomatic, no test is needed but they will need to continue to monitor for symptoms through day 14. There is also an option to quarantine through day 7 since date of last exposure. The individual must have a negative COVID test result by molecular or antigen test on day 5 or later and then will be released from quarantine after day 7. The indi-

### COVID-19 Coronavirus Task Force Updates

vidual must remain asymptomatic prior to release and continue to monitor symptoms through day 14. If a person is tested but does not have test results by day 7, the person must remain in quarantine until their negative test result is received.

The hospital is preparing to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to its employees in the next few weeks. The state will be dispersing the vaccine to Avera, Sanford, and Monument Health and they will be responsible for getting vaccines to their facilities. The hospital spokesman cautioned:

"There is a lot of false information about the vaccine out there, one being that the vaccine will alter our DNA. In reality, the vaccine has proven to be safe in trials, and it will now go out to healthcare workers. It is possible that there will be some reactions (as with any other vaccine), but it is safer to get the vaccine than to risk getting COVID. After this first round, and also depending on worldwide vaccine coverage, we will learn about expectations for annual COVID-19 vaccine recommendations. Please encour-



age everyone you know to not believe everything you read on social media and to reach out to their medical providers if they have questions about the vaccine."

The state is continuing to work on vaccine distribution for the public. When specific information about the vaccine becomes available, that information will be published in this report.

Santa sent a reminder to the Covid 19 Task Force for the younger citizens of Hand County. He wants us all to be safe this year and if you have not sent Santa a letter with your wish list there is still time. The C&C has made arrangements with Santa. Drop your letters off to

the big guy in the mailbox outside of the Hand County Library. They will be accepting letters until Friday, Dec. 18. Be sure to include your return address so he can write you back.

As can be seen by the lower positivity numbers, things are improving and we are closer to the end of the pandemic, but Covid 19 is not done yet. For that reason the members of the Covid 19 Taskforce urges the citizens of Hand County mask up, be patient with your health care team and limit gatherings. This will help keep the numbers down and help hasten the end of the pandemic.

## City Council accepts Alderwoman Meyer's resignation

### John T. Page

The City Council of Miller held its regular meeting Dec. 7, 2020. Alderwoman Meyer did not attend.

During the public input segment of the meeting local citizen, Loretta Linburg, inquired about the possibility of installing an ice skating rink in Miller. Members of the council stated that the pond in Crystal Park can be used as a skating rink as long as the snow is cleared off the top after it freezes. Street Department Head Ron Hofteizer reported that clearing snow off the pond involves using equipment without a cab due to insurance purposes but it can still be accomplished.

Alderman Bob Steers informed those present that he learned from Hand County Hospital Director Bryan Breitling that infection numbers continue to drop. Steers further elaborated that what citizens are doing seems to be working and encouraged citizens to keep it up.

Ted Dickey from NECOG phoned in to explain the funding situation of Phase 2 of the wa-

ter project. The grants awarded for the project expire in March leaving a \$50,000 deficit in both the water and wastewater projects of Phase 2. Dickey talked through the process of applying for more funds explaining that the presented plan of two \$1,000,000 loans for the water and wastewater projects, which would result in a \$38 surcharge added to both utilities, is a "worst case scenario" and that he felt the likelihood of acquiring another grant is high. While Dickey is confident they will receive a grant, they cannot know the actual numbers until March when the current grant expires.

Alderwoman SuAnne Meyer submitted her resignation last week to leave the Miller City Council. According to Mayor Ron Blachford Meyer gave no reason for her resignation. Aldermen Steers, Rangel, and Zeller voted to accept the resignation and Aldermen Odegaard and Swartz voted not to accept it. With a three to two vote the council accepted the resignation.

Miller Police Chief Shannon Speck requested permission to purchase a new Taser for the police department. Speck explained that he has

been working on replacing the department's Tasers over the past several years. The remaining Taser needs updating since it is ten years old. Replacing the Taser would cost about \$1500, which the council approved.

The council voted to sign an agreement with NECOG for the upcoming year. The agreement contains no changes from previous years and the monetary contribution by the city will not exceed \$1664.68.

The council reviewed several funding requests for 2021 from local entities. Wheels and Meals and On Hand Development Corporation requested donations of \$2000 and \$132,000 respectively. Hand in Hand Daycare and Helping Hands requested utility assistance of \$600 and \$2500 respectively. The council agreed to the funding requests except for On Hand Development Corporation. The council budgeted \$75,000 to donate to On Hand so they approved a donation of that specific amount.

The Miller City Council holds its next regular meeting Dec. 21, 2020.

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Dec. 6	52	22	
Dec. 7	54	33	
Dec. 8	55	41	
Dec. 9	56	35	



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On Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020, a small crowd gathered at the intersection of West Third Street and Broadway. The onlookers watched as a large green house made its way down Broadway taking up both lanes of traffic following an entourage of three trucks. The twelve-year-old building made its way from the northern part of the state to its final destination in St. Lawrence. Michelle Leisy, who owns the home with her husband Chris, took pictures of her new home while standing in the middle of the road. All the while gleefully exchanging banter with Brian Bonebright who watched on the sidewalk.

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# 5-MINUTE INTERVIEW Store Director, Miller, joins Kessler's Grocery

**Tell me a little bit about yourself. Where did you grow up, what did you do after high school?**

I grew up in Canton, OH, and graduated from McKinley Senior High School. I went to the University of Akron and became a licensed Social Worker. For fifteen years, I worked with teen and first time parents.

**Are you married? Did you ever have kids? Who are they?**

Yes, 19 years. I have two kids, 24 and 20 years old.

**What is your job title?**

Store Director of the Miller Kessler's. I was the Assistant Store Director in Aberdeen.

**How did you start working for Kessler's?**

Both of my children are grown and one of them worked at Kessler's. I saw it as a way to spend more time with the family. My daughter still works at the Aberdeen store but my son's last week was my first week.

**What is your favorite part of your job?**

The people, interacting with them, empowering them, and teaching them new ways to do things.

**What is the most challenging part of the job?**

Learning the grocery business.

**Have you ever been involved in any community organi-**



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**According to Justin Rosemore Director of Merchandising for Kessler's: "Rebecca has been a great Assistant Store Director in our Aberdeen store. We are confident she will thrive as our Miller Store Director."**

**zations or volunteered?**

The last eight years I have been the vice president of the Aberdeen Roller Derby League. It's a total non-profit and all the money we raise goes to local charities.

**What do you like the most about Miller so far?**

How inviting and nice everyone is. I love the bulls.

**What do you enjoy doing in your free time?**

Cooking, all through high school and college I worked in kitchens. Roller derby, if I'm in skates I'm happy. Kayaking.

**What is your most fond memory from growing up?**

When I was younger my dad owned a motel on Lake Erie, I learned from a young age how to make deposits and keep customers happy. We would also take a two mile boat ride to Cedar Point since it was ten miles by land.

**Anything else you'd like to add?**

I'm glad to be down here and make sure Kessler's is a part of the community and continues to be a part of the community.

## Taking inspiration from women who secured our right to vote

### Governor Kristi Noem

Today, December 4, marks the 101 anniversary of the day South Dakota ratified the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which recognized that women have the right to vote. Though the date may not serve as a formal holiday, this particular Governor thinks it's worth remembering in a special way. South Dakota would be a very different state, and the country a very different place, without it.

A subtle point but one worth making: the Nineteenth Amendment didn't *give* the right to vote to women. Rather, the Amendment *recognized* a right that pre-existed the amendment, which the country had failed to recognize until that time.

It was the hard work of suffragettes like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton nationally, and Mary Shields "Mamie"



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Pyle and Emma Smith Doe locally, that forced the men of the country to recognize the right. And it was indeed hard work, accomplished over decades, sometimes taking two steps forward and one step back. That is just as true here in South Dakota as it was across the country.

Pre-statehood, the Dakota Territory recognized the right of women to vote in school elections beginning in 1883. Two years later, legislation that would have recognized the right of women to vote was passed by the legislature but vetoed by the territorial governor, Gilbert Pierce.

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## YOU should make that happen



show up and do it—they're likely not coming and your big idea may never happen.

Just think if everyone in our community came up with one idea to make Hand County thrive and followed through with them? What kind of opportunities would we have right here in our community? I can think of lots of people who are making their big idea happen. A light show in Crystal Park, Hands of Hope, Helping Hands, a business with fresh, local beef, and so many more.

These ideas have taken off and made our community better because one person had an idea and made it happen. Yes, we might have helped along the way, but it was that one person who made it happen.

So... What do you want to see happen in YOUR community? Come in and see me if you need some help getting started. I can help you with all kinds of resources to make that idea become a reality. I am excited to hear what bubbles up.

## Thrill of hope

### U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds

It's hard to believe Christmas is here again. This season is usually a time of great celebration. There are large Christmas Eve services, visits with Santa, cities hosting lighted parades; and of course, family gatherings around the tree and dinner table. But 2020 isn't a normal year and we've all had to adjust our holiday traditions in some way. As I reflect on the Christmas season during this unique year, I cannot help but think of the words from the carol *O Holy Night*: "A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices. For yonder breaks, a new and glorious morn."

It would be tough to find a more fitting adjective to describe the world today than weary. 2020 has simultaneously felt like the longest and shortest year of our lives. In one way or another, the global pandemic has taken a toll on all of us. We've attempted to keep our distance, temporarily closed our businesses and put on hold important celebrations like weddings and family reunions. But there is light at the end of this long dark tunnel. The hope for a miracle is coming in the form of a vaccine. The good Lord continues to shine his favor on this weary world.

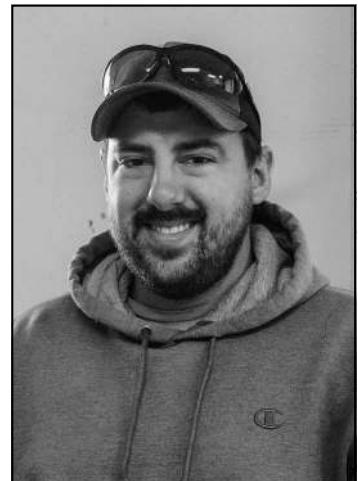
When this pandemic began around March, we passed the CARES Act which provided targeted relief to those who needed it most. It also included resources to help accelerate the development of a COVID-19 vaccine. Operation Warp Speed was launched to create a partnership between the government and private sector to develop a safe and successful vaccine at a much quicker pace than the traditional vaccine approval process.

The goal of Operation Warp Speed is to produce and deliver millions of doses of safe and effective vaccines by January 2021. Two companies, Moderna and Pfizer, are in the final stages of developing their vaccines and it looks like they will hit that goal. While each state is responsible for creating their own distribution plans once a vaccine is deemed safe, we anticipate seeing the first vaccines administered to the public in the coming weeks.

The COVID-19 vaccine will be available for all Americans at no charge, because the American taxpayer will be picking up the bill. When vaccines are available, the first doses will likely go to those on the front lines fighting this virus—health care workers and essential employees—as well as those with vulnerable health conditions. Once distribution of vaccines opens up to the rest of us, I plan to get one. I have full faith in the scientists developing the vaccines that whatever gets approved will meet the normal standard, be safe and effective.

In the meantime as we await the vaccine, it's important we continue to use our common sense to fight this virus. Use hand sanitizer, wash your hands, keep your distance and wear your mask when it makes sense. We must remain hopeful during this holiday season - our "new and glorious morn" is almost here. Together, we will get through this.

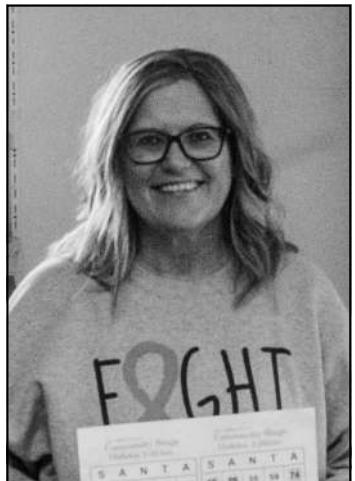
# Bingo WINNERS



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Aaron Stevens' bingo scored him a \$10 gift certificate to Miller Ace Hardware.



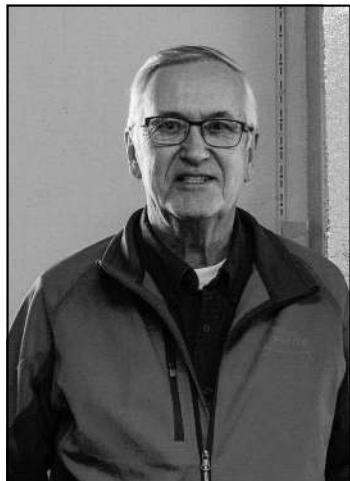
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Winter hands are no longer a worry for Alex Schumacher thanks to a pair of Kinco gloves from Agtegra.



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Jam sessions are easy for Annette Hunter thanks to wireless earbuds from American Bank and Trust.



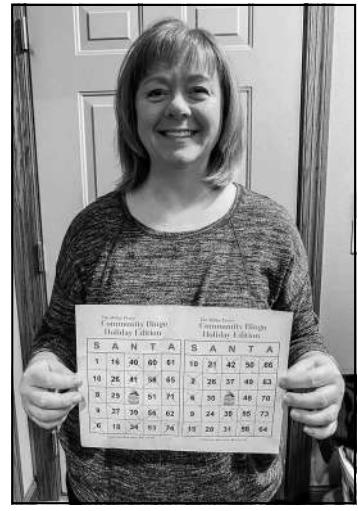
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Bailey Brueggeman smiles with a bingo that won her a \$10 gift card to Miller Ace Hardware.



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Dennis Gilk will have no trouble keeping drinks warm with an insulated cup from American Family Insurance.



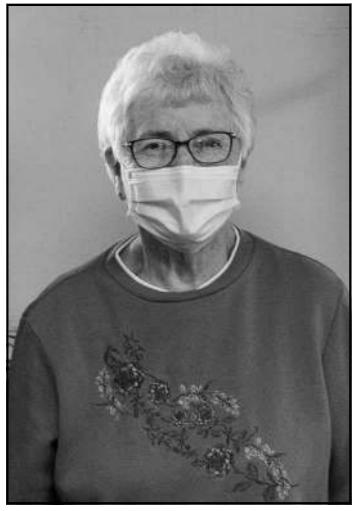
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A chance to treat herself arrived for Eileen Russell in the form of a \$10 certificate for Bombshell beauty.



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Ice cream awaits for Holly Rombough with a \$10 gift card to Dairy Queen.



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Jean Johnson took home a \$10 gift certificate to Willie's Bar and Grill.



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Warm hands in winter await Jimmie Timmerman thanks to a pair of Kinco gloves from Agtegra.



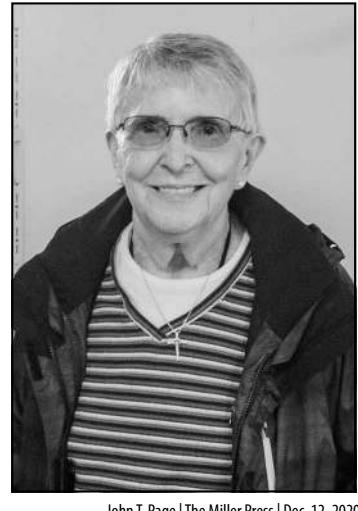
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Pesky bugs are a thing of the past for Judy Boomsma thanks to a bottle of Tempo from Wilber Ellis.



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Judy May Thiel scored a double win of \$10 gift certificates to both Bombshell beauty and Miller Rexall.



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LaDonna McManus won a \$10 gift certificate to Dakota Arms Company in Miller.



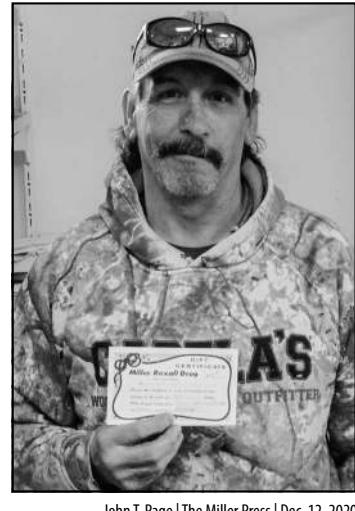
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Patty Shaw walked away with a \$10 gift card to Miller Ace Hardware.



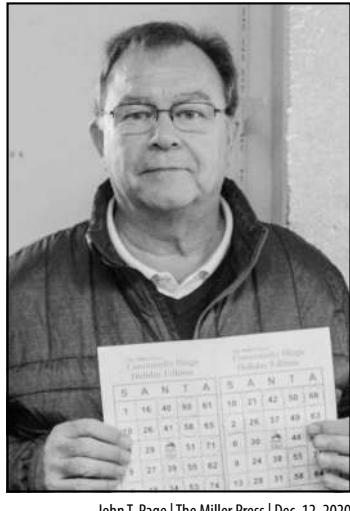
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A pizza lunch awaits Rockilynn Oakley thanks to a \$10 gift certificate to the Lunch Box.



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Shane Sporrer accepted a \$25 gift certificate to Turtle Creek on behalf of the Wilber Ellis employees.



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Steve Peters won a \$10 Miller Rexall gift card donated by Quoin Bank.



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Terry Augspurger took home a granite cutting board from American Family Insurance.



KRISTEN MOSS was unveiled as the Mystery Frosty Snowman at the Miller Snow Queen Festival on November 28. Gay Miller was the lucky winner of Miller Bucks for being the first one to guess Frosty's identity.

## Miller Police Department Log

**Dec. 2**  
7:10 p.m. Ambulance call - North Broadway  
**Dec. 3**  
3:30 a.m. Noise complaint - 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
**Dec. 4**  
1:50 p.m. Traffic control - North Broadway  
10:20 p.m. Property check - 3rd Street  
**Dec. 5**  
1:30 a.m. Property check - North Broadway  
9:50 a.m. Ambulance call - North Broadway  
**Dec. 6**  
11:45 a.m. 911 hangup - 2nd Avenue  
**Dec. 7**  
4:00 p.m. Animal complaint - North Broadway  
2:41 p.m. Traffic control - North Broadway

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## HAND COUNTY HAPPENINGS

Mon. 14	Community Events	Wheels & Meals	Miller School Lunch	Rustler Events
	Library hours: 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. curbside only (853-3693) Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous: 8 p.m. in the Courthouse basement	Chicken alfredo, garlic bread, tossed salad, pears	<b>Breakfast:</b> Pancakes <b>Lunch:</b> Italian dunkers, marinara sauce, ham deli sandwich <b>MS/HS:</b> Buffalo chicken wrap, green beans	<b>HS Basketball-JVC D.H.-H-4:00 p.m., Girls JV, Boys JV, Girls V, Boys V</b> <b>School Board Meeting-Elem Library-6:30 p.m.</b>
Tue. 15		Roast turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, fresh fruit	<b>Breakfast:</b> Bacon & Egg Biscuit <b>Lunch:</b> Chili, cinnamon roll, turkey BLT salad <b>MS/HS:</b> Cheese & pepperoni, flatbread, steamed peas	<b>HS Basketball-Potter Co. D.H.-T (Gettysburg)-4:00 p.m., Girls JV, Boys JV, Girls V, Boys V</b>
Wed. 16		Baked ham, Au gratin rice, roasted vegetable blend, pineapple, red velvet cake wheat bread & butter	<b>Breakfast:</b> Banana loaf <b>Lunch:</b> Ham, scalloped potatoes, roasted broccoli, pineapple chunks, apple Bosco stick, ice cream cup	<b>Church Night</b>
Thurs. 17	Library hours: 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. curbside only (853-3693) Friendship Center: Potluck at noon	Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit Jell-O, wheat bread & butter	<b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast pizza <b>Lunch:</b> BBQ rib sandwich, turkey Munchable, The "Mac" Flatbread, steamed corn	<b>Semester Tests</b> <b>HS WR-SBA &amp; W-W-W-at Highmore-6:30 p.m. Parents Night</b>
Fri. 18		Herbed fish, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, apple sauce, cookie, wheat bread & butter	<b>Breakfast:</b> Long John donut <b>Lunch:</b> Sweet and sour meatballs, brown rice, Rustler pack <b>MS/HS:</b> Sloppy Joe, glazed carrots	<b>Semester Tests</b> <b>School Dismiss at 2 p.m.</b> <b>End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester</b> <b>HS WR-Hot Springs Quad-T-6:00 p.m.</b>
Weekend	NO EVENTS SCHEDULED			
	Sat: JH GBB-Faulkton Tourney-T-9:00 AM (8th Grade) HS WR-Hot Springs Quad-T-10:00 AM HS BB-Northwestern D.H.-T (Mellette)-1:00 PM Girls JV, Boys JV, Girls V, Boys V			

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## Press subscribers fly through holiday bingo

John T. Page

Miller Press Community Bingo: Holiday Edition began when subscribers received two cards in their Dec. 5 issue of the paper. The holiday themed bingo came about due to the success of the first bingo game held several months back. Just like round one, readers could search for numbers in each copy of *The Miller Press*. Businesses from Miller and St. Lawrence contributed prizes ranging from bottles of tempo to gift certificates valued at up to \$25. After just two weeks, all forty-eight prizes found their way into the hands

of the many people participating. On Monday, Dec. 7, The Miller Press office filled with a whirlwind of activity as people flooded in all morning anxious to discover what prize their bingo card would yield. By 11:30 a.m. all of the prizes had been distributed thus bringing Holiday Bingo to a close.

The goal of getting prizes in people's hands before Christmas went off without a hitch. Now the winners have prizes and gift certificates to finish off their Christmas shopping just in time before the December festivities begin.

## Down the line to 2021

### R.A.M. 'ifications

Ruth A. Moller

In two weeks, Christmas will be "over" for another year.

I think this season will be long remembered, because of everything that is taking place in the world, and travel restrictions and long-distance "virtual" gatherings. The Christmases I've always looked forward to were put on "hold" this year.

However, I think Christmas can weather the storm, because it has done so over the centuries during a variety of world happenings.

Today, seems we'd benefit from kindness and caring for one another. I can do without gifts wrapped in holiday paper, but consideration for others and what they may be going through is a blessing throughout the year.

In spite of all the upheaval going on, I still believe most people basically mean well, and not just during the holiday season.

We'll be entering a new year in just a couple of weeks, and many of the upsetting problems will follow

along. I have no idea what may take place during 2021.

However, I intend to focus on the promises that the Christmas season offers. Be kind to one another, offer help or friendship, and make an effort to see the good in our fellow humans. Sometimes that isn't always easy, but it's better to remember we all share this earth, like it or not.

I especially enjoy talking with my teen-aged grandchildren, because they tend to see the positive, and look down the line to what their life can become. They enjoy volunteering and working with others, especially younger kids. They aren't unique, but they maintain a positive mindset.

Probably I should take a few lessons from Zane, Tyler and Brooke.

## RETROSPECT

### December 15, 1910

Notwithstanding the defeat of the electric headlight law at the recent election, the railroads seem inclined to adopt the electric headlight system. For the first time in the history of the Northwestern, a fully equipped and electric lighted train, including electric headlights, arrived in Pierre today.

Orient - Last Monday evening the large department store of Reiley & Pagel was broken into and robbed. The tills in the store and post office were robbed of the change therein, some \$8 in all. A watch and a number of articles from the store were also taken.

The city council closed a deal Monday night that will give Miller better fire protection; having purchased a gasoline engine fire engine, costing \$1600. Representatives of the fire engine company claim that the engine will throw two one-inch streams of water over a five-story building. The council men are also soliciting the businessmen to put hand chemical apparatus in their places of business.

### December 8, 1960

In a twelve o'clock ceremony at St. Ann's Catholic Church November 19, Barbara Jane Pfeifer became the bride of Vincent Rosemore. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosemore of Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pfeifer of Orient. The four-tiered wedding cake, decorated in blue and pink and topped with wedding bells and blue birds, was served by Mrs. Bernard Pfeifer.

Charles J. Wilber was honored December 7 for completing 10 years of service as a salesman for the Pioneer Hi-

Bred Corn Company of Des Moines, IA. He received an engraved ear of corn trophy in recognition of his service.

Rose Hill - The snowplow came through last Thursday after we had been snowed in since Monday, but we were having such a ground blizzard that the roads filled in again soon afterwards. The mailman followed the snow plow through, and it seemed good to get the mail again. The telephones were out also until Thursday afternoon.

### December 10, 1970

Northwestern Bell has offered Miller residents some advice about exchanging holiday telephone greetings with servicemen in Vietnam. If you want to talk to a relative or friend in Vietnam, arrange to have him place the call from there, as it is virtually impossible to reach a particular service man by calling from this end.

Manned Spacecraft Recovery Forces of the US Navy will provide commemorative cachet and cancellation services for the upcoming Apollo 14 manned flight to the moon. Sgt. Danny M. Wipf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wipf, recently received the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service as an aircraft mechanic, 35<sup>th</sup> Field Maintenance Squadron in Vietnam, where he was stationed for a year.

### December 11, 1980

Quilts come in all kinds of sizes and patterns, and quilting bees can be equally diversified. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schaefers delivered 15 quilts to Sky Rand for Boys last Wednesday, that were the result of several women-hours of visiting and sharing while stitching and tying. Sherre Dean was the South Dakota FFA speech winner at a con-

## Find purpose and meaning in retirement



Andrew Ellsworth, M.D.

Success in life and all its phases can be measured in many ways. Some reminisce of their glory days in high school. Maybe they were captain of the football team or homecoming queen or won the state chess championship. Others excelled in college, graduated summa cum laude, were invited to all the parties, or landed the dream job. Some worked their way up the corporate ladder or took on a big loan and built a successful business over years of hard work or taught multiple generations of students. Hopefully, most have worked and saved enough through the years to finally retire.

After accomplishing the prior phases of one's life, what does a successful retirement look like? Sure, we plan and save for retirement all the time, but when it finally comes, are we ready for the next phase of our lives?

There are many ways to thrive and enjoy retirement. Some savor time on hobbies, travel, play cards, sew, en-

joy gardening, get involved in a church, or volunteer. Some make things or fix things or find a part time job and have some enjoyment while also earning a wage. Some surround themselves with family, helping to connect the generations.

Unfortunately, some do not enjoy retirement. Health issues, financial troubles, and relationship problems are just some of the ways that can make it difficult. Some people, despite the best ways of planning and saving for retirement, may have lost identity and have no idea what to do next. As in any situation, to be successful, one must find meaning and purpose.

It must be extremely hard to dedicate one's life to a calling and purpose, only to one day be told to move on. It must also be particular-

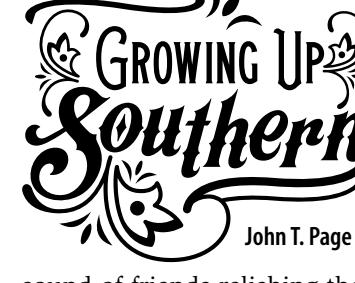
ly challenging to have a plan for retirement, only to have those dreams set aside due to changes in health or financial hardships.

Covid-19 has certainly put a wrench in many people's plans for retirement, as well as most everyone else's plans. Certainly, with many things postponed, changed, or cancelled this last year, we have all had a chance to reconsider what we spend our time on and what things may

be worth a risk.

As we enter a new year and changes ahead, whether that be retirement, a new job, a new relationship, or a new normal, I would encourage you to find purpose and meaning in what you do. When you get up for the day, set a goal or find some way to make it meaningful. That is how we will all excel in this new chapter of our lives.

## Southern Sanctuaries: the kitchen



sound of friends relishing the chance to take a break from the stresses of life and enjoy themselves.

Some people see a kitchen as nothing more than a place where food takes form. I see it as a shrine to the incredible women who took a simple room and transformed into something magical.



On driving through Miller earlier this year to go antelope hunting I noticed that the Angus and Hereford bulls were gone from the corner on main street. I was saddened and hoped they hadn't been eliminated. Then, on Nov. 28 on my way to Pierre, I was elated to see the bulls were back. I stopped at Kessler's to pick up some goods and noticed *The Miller Press* with "The bulls are back" article, and bought that paper.

I want to commend all in the Miller community for chipping in and returning the bulls to their rightful place.

Well done,  
Steve Swartos



employed in the Schroeder Clothing Store, where she learned the tailoring trade. Later she was employed as a baker. She attended Huron College, and took a 'normal course' to become a teacher. She taught for several years in area rural schools. In 1951, she was employed as City Auditor, retiring from that position in 1979.

Matthew Odden, Ree Heights, was named the 2001 National Charolais Ambassador at the annual contest held during the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, M. Odden, 19, will represent the Charolais breed as a spokesperson for the upcoming year.

**December 8, 2010**  
Verna McMahon wears several 'hats' as she goes about her busy life. She delivers mail for the US Postal Service, she works evening and weekends doing custodial duties at Miller City Hall, and she looks after the multitude of plants that are nurtured at Miller's City Hall.

George Melber was recognized for his years of service on the board during the McWhorter Museum's open house on December 2. Connie Schroeder presented the award.

The Miller-Highmore wrestling team kicked off their season at the Kimball-White Lake Invitational last Saturday. Patrick Waring, at 135, captured two wins to take his weight class while Wilbur Jones came up a little short in the final to finish in second.

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MILLER JUNIOR Snow Queen Court were crowned November 28, 2020. Pictured are, L-R: Queen Shaylee Anderberg; Heather Resel, first runner up; Hailey Melendez, second runner up; and Joanlei Baker, Miss Congeniality.



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## A visit to Leadville means a visit to the Old West

Leadville sits at an elevation of 10,152 feet, making it the highest incorporated municipality in North America. This is an interesting fact, but when walking around Leadville, you don't feel the elevation. What I mean is that, if you didn't read that fact, you wouldn't know it. However, there is something that makes it worth visiting—the architecture, which makes you feel like you're in 1800s Wild West.

Leadville has a National Historic District that consists of 70-square-blocks of Victorian architecture. As you walk down the main street you feel as though you've been transported back to the Wild West in the 1800s. I spent half my time gaping at the lovely boutiques and the other half with my head on a swivel waiting for such characters as Poker Alice, Jesse James, or Buffalo Bill to swagger around a corner. While all the buildings are unique, there are a few main buildings that compose the core of the historic district.

Two of the main constructions bear the name of one of the richest men in Colorado at the time—Horace Tabor. Tabor was a mining mag-



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THE TABOR OPERA House in Leadville, CO pictured in 1880 (left) and today. The opera house was built with money from Horace Tabor, a wealthy mining magnate, who wanted to bring the arts and some culture to the rough and rowdy locals. The opera house is just one of the many structures that make up the city's 70-square-block National Historic District.

**Out and about**  
with JAIMI LAMMERS

nate and had the Tabor Opera House built in 1879 to bring some "culture" to the rowdy residents. The structure was said to be the finest theater from St. Louis to San Francisco when it was built. Tabor also contributed the Tabor Grand Hotel, which the local newspaper at the time

praised as, "the finest hotel in all the West."

Another structure I was a bit shocked to find in its authentic form was the Silver Dollar Saloon. It was not a surprise to me that the Silver Dollar Saloon, probably the most prosperous business in the booming mining town, still stands today, but what surprised me was how "gimmicky" it looks. Until you realize that it's an original that kitschy "saloons" base their image off of.

The rough crowd certainly enjoyed their Saturday nights at the Silver Dollar, but they also took the time to repent, as proved by the many churches in the city. Several

of the most striking churches are the Presbyterian Church, which the locals affectionately call "the Old Church;" the Annunciation Roman Catholic Church with a bell tower stretching toward the sky and the distinction of hosting the wedding of the "unsinkable Molly Brown;" and the Temple Israel, a rare frontier synagogue.

Leadville is a small, mountain town, a bit out of the way and not a place many people might think to visit. However, it's worth a few hours of wandering around to catch a glimpse into what it might have been like to live in a prosperous, raucous mining town in the 1800s.

## Legion/VFW sponsor activities for residents

Some residents watched church services on TV, iPad or listened on the phone Sun., November 29.

Monday morning the staff was tested for Covid. Mid-morning Cassii Laskarzewski led devotions and gave news for the day. In the afternoon, a couple residents tried hunting in the dayroom with nerf guns through the trees. Sue Jones dropped off Happier magazines from Rexall for us to distribute to residents.

A few of Catholic residents gathered for Rosary in the dayroom Tuesday morning. Midmorning Laskarzewski led devotions and gave news for the day. Virginia Burgher accompanied hymns on the piano. In the afternoon, the residents played several games of bingo with Kevin Hofer as caller. American Legion and VFW Auxiliary sponsored bingo prizes. Afterwards a few stayed for coffee.

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see what they make it into. It was sad to leave the store after having been in the store for so long. I began in August of 1978 and was there until, Delton, my husband became ill and I felt I had to be with him more in 2018. I am grateful for all that came in over the years.

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## Hunters reminded to register for winter depredation hunts

As winter approaches, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) reminds resident hunters of unique opportunities that could exist later this winter.

GFP's Wildlife Damage Management Program assists landowners with wildlife depredation abatement programs and services. When other methods are ineffective, GFP may utilize hunters to help reduce damage caused by wildlife.

South Dakota residents may register, free of charge, for potential depredation hunts for deer, elk, antelope and turkey.

Once registered, hunters are then put into a random drawing to determine eligibility once a depredation hunt is authorized.

## Chronic Wasting detected in new area

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) was recently confirmed in Ziebach County in western South Dakota. The sample from a male white-tailed deer was provided by a hunter who harvested the deer.

Ziebach County is now considered in the CWD endemic area, meaning the disease has been confirmed and hunters who harvest deer from these counties must now follow the new CWD regulations to help reduce the spread of CWD.

South Dakota has now confirmed CWD in 15 counties of western and central South Dakota, which includes three counties added during the 2020 hunting season.

With the exception of hunters registering for elk, all other hunters are encouraged to register for counties near their home or within close driving distance. Hunters may register for a maximum of 10 counties for any species other than elk. Depredation hunts are often time-sensitive and winter weather can sometimes make travel difficult for participating hunters. For a successful hunt, GFP needs participating hunters to be available at the hunt location almost immediately.

Winter depredation hunts focus on assisting landowners with wildlife damage, but can also provide hunters with another opportunity after traditional hunting seasons are closed.

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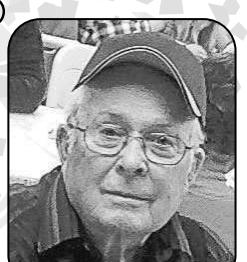
Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a fatal brain disease of deer, elk, and moose caused by an abnormal protein called a prion. Most harvested individuals with CWD will appear healthy and display no clinical signs. Animals in the later stages of infection with CWD may show progressive loss of weight and body condition, behavioral changes, excessive salivation, loss of muscle control and eventual death. Chronic wasting disease is always fatal for the afflicted animal. CWD poses serious problems for wildlife managers, and the implications of long-term management for free-ranging deer and elk is unknown.

For more information, visit [gfp.sd.gov/chronic-wasting-disease](http://gfp.sd.gov/chronic-wasting-disease).

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# 6 OBITUARIES

## LaVern I. Phillips

LaVern Phillips, 92, of Huron and formerly of Miller, passed away Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, at Avantara in Huron.

A private burial was held at G.A.R. Cemetery, Miller, with Pastor Teresa Whetsel officiating.

LaVern, an only child, was born July 16, 1928, to Alexander and Alma (Rediger) Haeffner on a farm near Ree Heights. She attended country school through the 8th grade. The family needed her to help support the family. She would take a bus to Huron to clean rooms at the college during the week and return to the family farm on the weekends.

A day came when a handsome young man got stuck in the mud near her family's farm. He needed help being pulled out of the mud which LaVern did with a tractor. The man ended up being Gearold Phillips and they would later marry March 9, 1947. Together they made their life and raised four children: Sandra Kay, Barbara Ann, Michael Gene, and Judy Renee. Gearold and LaVern worked alongside each other working on the farm, forming a true partnership. Gearold passed away November 14, 1992. After his passing, LaVern moved into Miller and went to work as a cook at Community Oil.



LaVern was an active member of Greenleaf Methodist Church and involved in the Methodist Women, Jolly Stitchers, and Red Hats. In her free time, she enjoyed shopping but most of all, she loved her family, especially grandchildren. LaVern was known to be an amazing hostess, always having Cherry Delight and sugar cookies ready. She kept an impeccable house. In 2016 she moved to Aberdeen and then later Huron.

Her memory will be cherished by her children: Sandra (Lonnie) Bakken of Mina Lake, Barbara Paul of Fort Pierre, Michael Phillips of Sioux Falls, and Judy (Blaine) Rodacker of Huron; grandchildren: Lonna Jorgenson, Brett (Elizabeth) Bakken, Benjamin Paul, Ian (Kathy) Paul, Amy (Travis) Welles, Christian (Jessica) Rodacker, and Ceara Rodacker; twelve great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; brother, Norman (Paulette) Haeffner of Sioux Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband; and grandson, Charles.

Reck Funeral Home of Miller has been entrusted with LaVern's arrangements. Visit [www.familyfuneral-home.net](http://www.familyfuneral-home.net)

*Paid Obituary*

1928 - 2020

## Reverend Donald Lee Greenough

1926 - 2020

Reverend Donald Lee Greenough, age 94, of Sioux Falls went to be with his Lord on Dec. 1, 2020, while residing at Bethany Home, Brandon. A celebration of life service will be held this summer. A more complete obituary and a link to view his graveside service online please go to [www.georgeboom.com](http://www.georgeboom.com).

Donald Lee Greenough was born on April 16, 1926, in Salem to Robert Lee and Astrid (Larson) Greenough. Donald was raised and received his education in Salem, graduating from Salem High School. Donald then graduated from Augustana College in Sioux Falls.

Donald was united in marriage with Vivian J. Strom on August 15, 1954, in Sioux Falls. The couple moved to Kansas where Donald attended Seminary at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City.

Following Donald's ordination, the family returned to South Dakota to serve in the United Methodist Church Conference of the Dakotas. Serving many churches in South Dakota over the next 50 years. Their ministry began in Alpena, then to Harrisburg, Dell Rapids, Miller, Redfield, and Elk Point. Following his retired in 1993, Donald continued serving the United Methodist Church in part-time capacity in Akron, IA, and then Asbury United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls. Donald and Vivian made their home in Sioux Falls in 1996. Donald loved

the United Methodist Church and all of the families he had served.

Donald was blessed with a "green thumb" and enjoyed working in his garden and yard. He also enjoyed cheering on the Minnesota Vikings, watching Nascar races, traveling to Washington State to visit his parents and siblings, caring for his many pets, and above all, spending time with his family. Donald was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who will be dearly missed.

Grateful for having shared his life are four children, Steve Greenough and his wife, Laurie, Sioux Falls, Robert Greenough, Longwood, FL; Dwight Greenough and his wife, Sandra, Miller; and Dawn Kunzmann, Sioux Falls; five grandchildren, Abby Luebbers and her husband, Kevin; Hillary Smith and her husband, Heath; Seth Greenough, Joshua Kunzmann, Brody Kunzmann; six great-grandchildren, Sophia, Rafferty, Archie and Axl Luebbers, Everlee and Weslyn Smith; two sisters, Wava Nichols and Doris Nelson both of Washington; and many other relatives and friends.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife of 63-years, Vivian in September of 2017; his parents, Robert and Astrid Greenough; two brothers, Russell and Wesley Greenough; and one sister, Mavis Peterson.

*Paid Obituary*

1926 - 2020

## Carson Thomas Miner

Carson Miner, 14, of Miller, passed away Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020, at his home. Private family funeral service was Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, at the First Presbyterian Church, Miller, with Rev. Brian Jones officiating. Private burial followed the funeral service.

Carson Thomas Miner was born in Huron, January 17, 2006, to Cecilee (Niederauer) and Thomas Miner. He was baptized at the First Presbyterian Church in Miller and confirmed in 2018. He was a ninth grader at Miller High School.

Carson was a member of Miller Rustler Yearbook staff, FCCLA, Robotics, Miller student golf league, Hand County Historical Society student representative, the Dakota Riptide swim team and an active member of the senior Presbyterian youth group. He loved everything to do with music, especially jazz band and chorus. Carson loved his freedom especially when it came to driving and hanging out with friends. He could be seen most often playing Dungeons and Dragons, driving around in his car, playing his guitars, and dueling with light sabers. Anyone who knew him knew his affinity to constantly question or debate all topics. He will always be remembered as a self-proclaimed geek "not nerd" with a personality full of humor who loved to be his own person and em-

braced his own style and individuality.

His memory will be cherished by his parents, Cecilee and Tom Miner of Miller; sisters: Chloe, Arielle, and Quinnley; grandparents, Christina and John Niederauer and Helen and Hugh Miner; and uncles, aunts, and cousins: uncle, Gregory (Connie) Niederauer and children, George and Ainsley; Laura Willemssen and children, Madeline and Bessie; aunt, Emma (Mike) Jouwstra and son, Oren; uncle, Bill (Chessa) Miner and children: Grace, Olivia, and Sophia; aunt, Patty (Chris) Kerkhove and children: Cameron (Tracy), Crystal, Cassie, and Conner Kerkhove; aunt, Monica Miner Wingo and children, Dylan Wingo and child, Maddie; and, Marilyn Wingo and child, Alice.

He was preceded in death by his maternal great grandparents, George and Leona Engelmann, Bernita and George Niederauer, Loretta and Bud McMahan, and Alice and Paul Miner; and uncle, Dan Miner.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials to the Miller Music Program. Family would like to encourage anyone with stories or memories with Carson to reach out to via email at [mecilee@hotmail.com](mailto:mecilee@hotmail.com).

Reck Funeral Home of Miller has been entrusted with Carson's arrangements.

*Paid Obituary*

2006 - 2020

## Joseph James Thiel

Joe Thiel, 87, of Miller, passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at his home.

Funeral service was held Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Miller, with Pr. Nancy Eckels officiating. Burial with military honors was at G.A.R. Cemetery, Miller.

His purchase of a 1958 Ford retractable car off the Ford dealership showroom floor in Miller became the basis of his passion for retractables. He purchased a 1959 at a national convention in Des Moines, IA. As retractables were manufactured for only three years ('57-'58-'59) his desire was to own one of each. This prompted his constructing a 1957 "from the ground up" - taking four years to finish and complete the "set". For years all three cars carried Miller and Faulkton High School Royalty in Homecoming parades, dignitaries in 4th of July parades, as well as, carrying many newlyweds down Main Street after their ceremony. He especially enjoyed driving in the Augustana College Viking Days Parade in Sioux Falls, while Staci was in attendance there.

Through Hollie's job as a flight attendant, he and Judy Mae traveled many places, including Australia, England, Grand Canan Island, and a Mexican cruise. Joe always enjoyed his time at the farm with Staci, Mike and his grandsons.

Joe is survived by his wife of 60 years, Judy Mae of Miller; two daughters: Hollie (Chip) Doss of Atlanta, GA and Staci (Mike) Aesoph of Orient; five grandsons: Austin Auch (special friend, Misty Cook) of Phoenix, AZ; Andrew Aesoph (special friend, Leah Cotton) of Orient, Joseph Aesoph (fiancée, Siara Binger) of Chamberlain; Nathan (Bailey) Aesoph of Orient; and Oliver Aesoph (special friend, Lexi Binger); two great grandsons: Preston Aesoph and Everett Aesoph; a great grandchild due in February; four nieces and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and three sisters.

Reck Funeral Home of Miller has been entrusted with Joe's arrangements. Visit [www.familyfuneralhome.net](http://www.familyfuneralhome.net).

*Paid Obituary*

1933 - 2020

Joe Thiel, 87, of Miller, passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at his home.

Funeral service was held Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020, at Trimont Lutheran Church, Miller, with Pr. Nancy Eckels officiating. Burial with military honors was at G.A.R. Cemetery, Miller.

Joe was born Oct. 23, 1933, in Spencer, NE to Henry and Esther (Velder) Thiel. He was reared on farms in the Nebraska/South Dakota vicinity before moving into Fairfax where he helped his mother in her Main Street cafe. He graduated from Fairfax in 1951.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1954, serving two years in Baumholder, Germany, being honorably discharged in April of 1956. Before joining the army, he was employed as a surveyor on the Ft. Randall Dam.

Joe joined his brother, Clarence, in the operation of "Thiel Body Shop" in Miller in 1956, later taking over full ownership in 1962, which he continued to operate for over 50 years. One of his greatest interests was repairing and restoring automobiles. (Least favorite was operating the wrecker service)

He married Judy Mae Kost on June 11, 1960, in Fairfax, SD. To this union two daughters were born.

He took great pride in teaching all his grandsons to shoot pool. His love of playing pool led him to various towns around the state, culminating in winning the Class A state tournament in 1973, and playing Governor Richard Kneip. He was inducted into the South Dakota VNEA Hall of Fame in 1991. Many lasting friendships were formed over time and remained in place until the end.

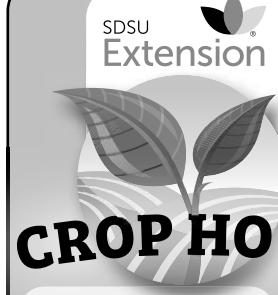
He was a member of the Miller Volunteer Fire Department for several years. He was also a talented horseshoe thrower, making "ringers" on a regular basis. Hunting and fishing with special friends were also high on his list of sporting activities.

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853-3656, MillerMethodistChurch.weebly.com,

Pastor Teresa Whetsel, worship Sunday mornings

10:30 a.m. online also, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7 p.m., youth grades 6-12.

### MORMON/LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1025 East 3rd Avenue, Miller,

Wayne Ames - Branch President, Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

### NAZARENE

Nazarene Church, 215 West 9th St., Miller,

605-996-2409, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.,

Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

### PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church, Services online

[millerpresby.com](http://millerpresby.com), 321 West 1st Avenue, Miller,

853-3386 or 853-2322, Rev. Brian Jones,

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.,

First Presbyterian Church, 135 Clare Street West,

Wessington, Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.,

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.;

Rose Hill, 37044 213th Street, Wessington,



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THE MILLER SIXTH grade band performed *Carol of the Bells* and *Who Let the Elves Out?* at their Winter Concert on Tues., December 8, 2020. They were directed by Collin Otteson.



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THE MILLER FIFTH grade choir performed three selections at their Winter Concert on Tues., December 8, 2020. They were directed by Christopher Iverson.



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THE MILLER FIFTH grade band performed *Good King Wenceslas* and *Jingle Bells* at their Winter Concert on Tues., December 8, 2020. They were directed by Collin Otteson.



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THE MILLER SIXTH grade choir performed several holiday songs at their Winter Concert on Tues., December 8, 2020. They were directed by Collin Otteson.



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Rep. Johnson speaks at Problem Solvers Caucus COVID-19 relief press conference on Thursday Dec. 3, 2020.

## Fighting for Americans

Rep. Dusty Johnson

One week. That's how much time remains before Congress heads home for Christmas.

While hundreds of thousands of Americans – schools, families, and small businesses – continue to struggle from COVID-19, both House and the Senate leadership have struggled to come together on another relief proposal. For months, members of the Problem Solvers Caucus have been finding common ground on proposals, and this week we unveiled another relief framework which has gained even more support than our first attempt in September.

On Tuesday, I joined several Republican and Democrat Senators and Representatives to announce the plan we have spent weeks working on behind the scenes. For this particular group, it's no longer about politics, it's about the people – and the people can't afford to wait on Congress wasting any more time.

Our bipartisan relief framework addresses key areas of need, including testing, small business support, liability protection, food security, state and local aid, and school funding. It's not perfect but it's progress.

Our country's top economists all agree our country needs an additional stimulus package to dig our way out of this COVID-19 economic slump. I know there is a lot of concern about the price tag of relief packages, but this one is more responsible than other proposals. It repurposes unused funds Congress already allocated through the CARES Act and extends the deadline for use. Our nation's brightest minds have made it clear – if we don't pass something now, we will pay for it later.

South Dakota is in better shape financially than the majority of the country, but our governor has been very clear she needs the deadline extended to utilize much needed federal dollars. This proposal fulfills that request.

This week's announcement has brought congressional leadership and the White House back to the table. They are taking this proposal seriously, and I expect we will know if a relief package has a chance of becoming law in a matter of days. It's been supported by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Business Roundtable, several congressional leaders, and even President Trump has expressed optimism towards our proposal.

I'm proud of the work our group of bipartisan members of Congress were able to achieve. Americans can't afford to wait any longer – let's get it done.



### HOLIDAY PHOTO CARDS

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#### from the files of the Ree Heights Review

##### December 10, 1920

Ree Heights School now ranks with others in the state. Superintendent C.E. Lorentson of our city school was jubilant over the news received from the State High School Inspection, announcing that the Ree Heights High School had been placed in the four-year state accredited high school listing.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, the New York Glee Club, composed of four young men, will appear in the Opera House in Ree Heights. The mean are on the local lecture course. The city is fortunate to have such talent appear in the area. In addition to the music, one of the young men is an able storyteller.

Hugh McKelvey, while riding a horse on Sunday afternoon, fell with the animal and suffered a broken leg. It was, in fact, broken in two places. McKelvey was taken to the Miller Hospital by Dr. McWhorter who came for him in his new motor ambulance.

##### December 12, 1930

Mrs. Simon Miller, one of the pioneer residents of the county, died Saturday at her home in Mondamin Township at the age of 76 years. Katherine Puffer was born in Maley, Chakow, Bohemia, on August 23, 1854, and died on Sat., December 6.

The regular meeting of the Womens' Club of Fee Heights was held on December 4 at the Roger Paine home. The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations. The program was interesting with a reading, "The Psychology of Santa Clause" given by Medames Biever, C.V. Gardiner and Leach. The Junior Choir girls sang Christmas carols and the meeting was turned into a Christmas party.

##### December 13, 1940

Martha Belle Steptoe gave the assembly program on December 6 instead of Shirley Nicholas due to the fact that Nicholas was in Chicago on a trip awarded to her for her fine 4-H work. Steptoe gave a ten-minute speech on "The American Way," which was followed by a song, "Trade Winds" by Charlotte Nicholas and Mary Hickcox accompanied by Miss Hixon.

Playing the opening game of the season, the Ree Warriors compiled a total of 32 points to their opponent's 14. The Warriors were off to a quick start and led all the way. Highmore's Matre and Rezac were outstanding but Ree Heights had a score of 19.

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Jeanie Hartman

##### December 10, 1920

to 4 at the half and never lost their lead.

The people of the Cedar Congregational Church decided after services on Sunday that they needed a piano as a Christmas gift. A purse of \$26.50 was taken up immediately as a start on the price of a piano.

##### December 8, 1950

A notice of hearing upon the application for sale of alcoholic beverages was received by the Town Board from Alto C. Anderson for a Class K license for sale of high point beer. A public hearing will be held at the City Auditorium, town of Ree Heights December 18, 1950.

Last Saturday, Mrs. Ray Rogers and girls went to Mitchell and stayed over until Sunday at the home of her father to visit her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mimard from Lincoln, NE.

It was pretty rugged weather for November this week with some snow and sub-zero temperatures in the early part of the week. At this writing, the weather is moderating.

##### December 2, 1960

Mrs. Ruth Labor, grade teacher in the local school, who drives from her farm home southeast of town, is spending the week in town, staying at the home of Mrs. Struse.

No school was held Monday, due to blizzard conditions which began Sunday night, and continued on into Monday, clogging streets and roads. Quite a change from last week's summer-like weather.

The Bayard and Junior Phinney families came from Lead on Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving vacation with relatives here. The Thanksgiving dinner at the Loyd Phinney home also included their daughter, Mrs. Kathryn McClendon and their sons of Huron.

Mrs. Morris Jacobson and infant son are spending a few weeks in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Phinney, while her husband is being transferred from Michigan to Sioux City, IA, by his company. Jacobson is the former Carolyn Phinney.

##### December 11, 1970

It is now official....Hand County's population showed a decline of 12.4% since 1960 when the County claimed 6,712 residents. In the census completed this year, population dropped to 5,883 residents. In the meantime, Miller gained 3.2%, increasing from a total population of

2,081 in the 1960 census to 2,148.

Seventeen townships of Hand County have no delinquent real estate taxes according to the tax list released this week from the office of the County Treasurer. Ree Heights was among those listed as having no delinquent taxes.

The South Dakota Junior Hereford Association delegates to the 1980 American Junior Hereford Association Convention in Kansas City, MO, included Brenda Fawcett, Marie Fawcett and Ken Fawcett of Ree Heights. The AJHA is a 9,000 member youth organization primarily involved in Hereford and beef industry promotion, education and leadership development.

##### December 12, 1980

Jam and Elsie Hancock, Jack and Jill left last Wednesday for Rapid City to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Kenny VanDerWerff and family. They also visited with Rose and Mary.

Don Fawcett flew to Denver Tuesday to attend the NCA Breeders Symposium. Wednesday and Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Don Fawcett attended the SD Feeders Conven-

tion in Sioux Falls.

There will be a potluck supper at the Ree Heights Church on December 17. The Sunday School will have their Christmas Program following the supper. There will be group caroling around town on December 19.

##### December 7, 1990

The Ree Heights Fire Department was called out on Saturday afternoon to a fire at the Collins Slough. The fire was started by deer hunters and a vehicle burned along with the grass. Another fire was also in progress at the time. The Ree Heights Fire Department was called to the Dennis Yost farm where a tractor burned.

Terry, Kim, Jon and Tara Jo Deuter of Sioux Falls were weekend guests at the Buster Deuter home and attended the Snow Queen Contest in Miller on Saturday evening in which Kara Deuter was a participant.

Anton (Tony) Koc, 85, Milbank and formerly of Miller passed away December 4 at the St. Bernard's Providence Hospital of a heart attack. Koc was born August 6, 1905, son of Matej and Mary (Skaala) Koc.

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Kenidey Effling, Highmore, exhibited the Grand Overall Champion Breeding heifer at the 2020 Hand County Livestock and Crop Improvement Association Calf Show held October 31 at the Hand County Fairgrounds. Effling's heifer came out of the Charolais division.



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Jaxon Schrag, of Marion, exhibited the Champion Overall Market beef at the 2020 Hand County Livestock and Crop Improvement Association Calf Show held October 31 at the Hand County Fairgrounds. He was the winner of the Crossbred division.



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The Top Five Beginner Showmen at the LCIA Fall Calf Show were, L-R: Avery Antelope, 1; Hollis Fawcett, 2; Creighton Werning, 3; Oaklyn Plamp, 4; and Jessie Coyle, 5.



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Kinsly Altena, George, IA, exhibited the Reserve Overall Champion Heifer at the LCIA Calf Show with her Simmental.



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Creighton Werning, of Emery, showed the Reserve Overall Champion Market Beef at the LCIA Fall Calf Show. He was reserve in the Crossbred division.



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The Top Five Junior Showmen were, L-R: Wyatt James, 1; Kinsly Altena, 2; Austin Rose, 3; Landon Coyle, 4; and Kai Tomsen, 5.



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The third overall breeding heifer was shown by Croix Reimann, of Ree Heights. He had the Champion Maintainer division heifer.



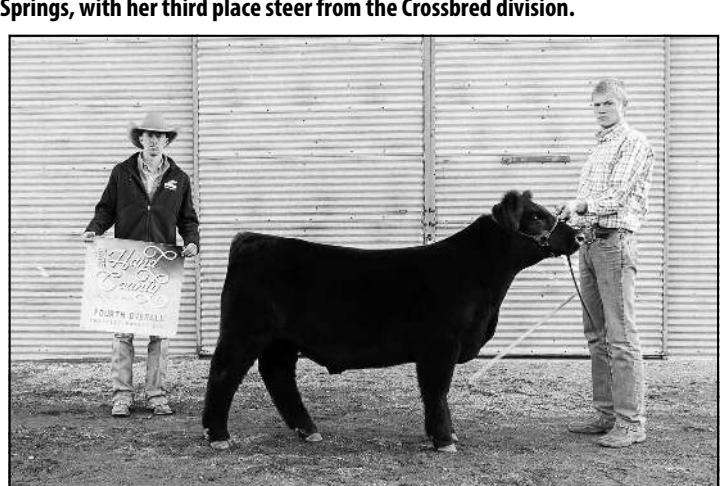
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Third overall Market Beef was exhibited by Nalea Dunsmore, of Wessington Springs, with her third place steer from the Crossbred division.



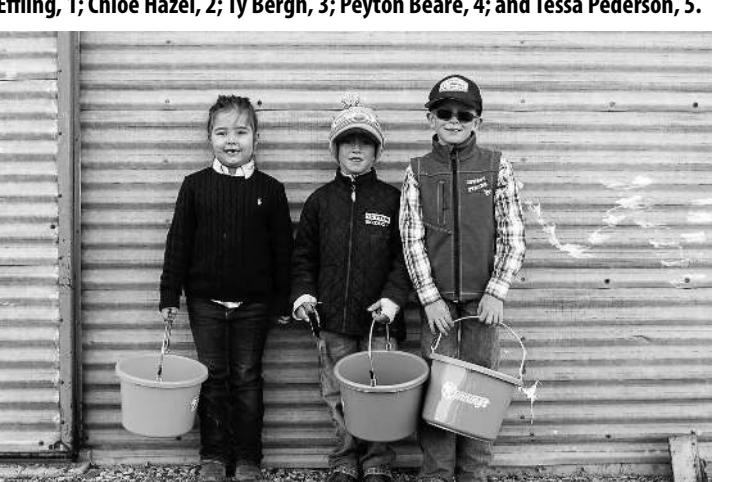
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The Top Five Senior Showmen at the LCIA Fall Calf Show were, L-R: Kenidey Effling, 1; Chloe Hazel, 2; Ty Bergh, 3; Peyton Beare, 4; and Tessa Pederson, 5.



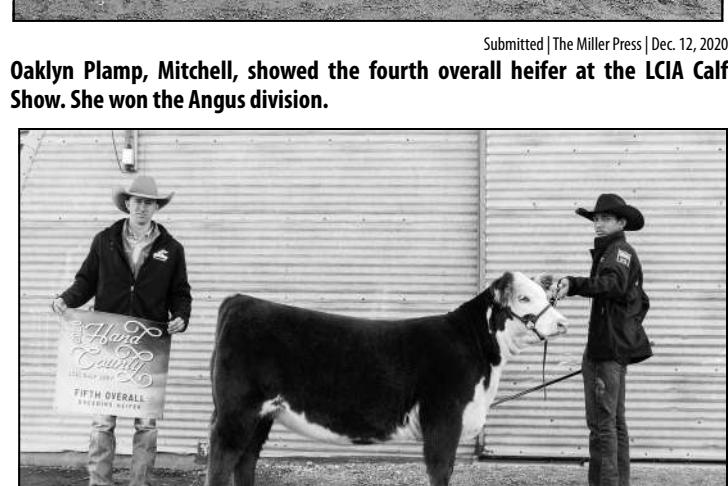
Submitted | The Miller Press | Dec. 12, 2020  
Oaklyn Plamp, Mitchell, showed the fourth overall heifer at the LCIA Calf Show. She won the Angus division.



Submitted | The Miller Press | Dec. 12, 2020  
Tate Bergh, Florence, exhibited the fourth overall market beef with the Champion from the Maine Anjou division.



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Cloverbud 4-Hers judging livestock at the 2019 Hand County LCIA Fall Calf Show were L-R: Baylor Hurlbut, Kendy Yost, and Rett Blume.

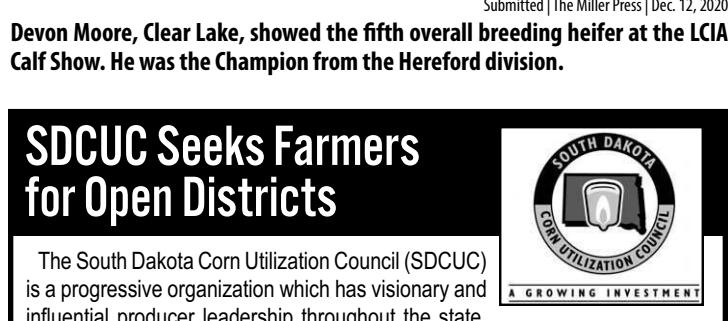


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Devon Moore, Clear Lake, showed the fifth overall breeding heifer at the LCIA Calf Show. He was the Champion from the Hereford division.



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Kenidey Effling, Highmore, exhibited the fifth overall Market Beef with her Reserve Champion steer from the Maine Anjou division.

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The Top Five Beginner Livestock Judges at the LCIA Calf Show were, L-R: Hollis Fawcett, 1; Jessie Coyle, 2; Kaycee Scheel, 3; Sage Yost, 4; and Olivia Odden, 5.



The South Dakota Corn Utilization Council (SDCUC) is a progressive organization which has visionary and influential producer leadership throughout the state. The 9-member board manages and invests South Dakota's 1-cent per bushel corn checkoff fund.

The SDCUC is announcing director positions that are open in Districts 3, 5 and 7. A SDCUC director's position consists of a three-year term beginning on March 1, 2021. Each director can serve a maximum of two terms, resulting in a six-year director's position.

If interested in seeking a board seat in one of the open districts, you must obtain and file with the corn office a nominating petition. All nominating petitions must contain at least 15 "participating" corn producer signatures from your district. (A "participating" corn producer has not requested a refund of his/her corn assessment since January of 2020). Eligible candidates who wish to seek a director's position cannot have requested a checkoff refund from the SDCUC since January of 2016. Nominating petitions must be returned back to the SDCUC office by 5 p.m. on January 4, 2021.

To request a petition, please contact the SDCUC office by calling 605-334-0100.

If more than one nominating petition is received by the SDCUC office for any district, a special election will be conducted for that district. The elections will be held February 1-5, 2021 at the local extension offices in those counties.

The counties assigned to the districts accepting nominations for director positions are detailed below:

- District 3 – Brookings, Codington, Deuel, Hamlin, Kingsbury
- District 5 – Brown, Campbell, Corson, Harding, McPherson, Perkins, Walworth
- District 7 – Aurora, Beadle, Buffalo, Hand, Hyde, Jerauld, Sanborn



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The Top Five Junior Livestock Judges at the LCIA Fall Calf Show were L-R: Austin Rose, 1; Chance Blum, 2; Darla Barnes, 3; Teagan Scheel, 4; and Chisum Blum, 5.



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The Top Five Senior Livestock Judges were L-R: Payton Beare, 1; Mitchell VanderWal, 2; Hannah Heezen, 3; Maggie Demers, 4; and Kelly Miles, 5.

## Commission to meet for budget supplement

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held in the commission chambers of the Hand County Courthouse at 10:15 a.m., on Monday December 30, for the purpose of supplementing the general fund budgets of the following offices:

Government Building (Custodian) budget in the amount of \$18,781.26 to offset expenses incurred during the replacement of the courthouse roof.

States Attorney budget in the amount of \$9,000 to offset increased costs of prosecutions and laboratory testing.

E-911 Services budget in the amount of \$200 to offset costs associated with equipment repairs.

Local Emergency Planning Committee budget in the amount of \$132.25 to cover expenditures.

24/7 Sobriety Program budget in the amount of \$2,488.52 to cover increased participation and associated expenses.

Assessor budget in the amount of \$1,600 to cover increased costs and supplies.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2019.

Doug DeBoer

Hand County Auditor

Published Dec. 12, Dec. 19, 2020, at the total approximate cost of \$24.32.

## Hand County Treasurer reports delinquent taxes

I, Sheri Koeck, Treasurer of Hand County, South Dakota do hereby certify that the taxes and special assessments on the following list of real property have become delinquent for the year 2019.

This list may not reflect changes in recorded ownership.

In testimony, I, Sheri Koeck, Treasurer of Hand County hereto set my hand and seal.

December 8, 2020

Sheri Koeck

(seal)

KEITH L & DEBRA W BARTA  
JTWROS REE HEIGHTS TOWN  
LOTS 20-26 INCL. BLOCK 23 COR-

PORATION ADDITION, 2019, 33.47

KEITH L & DEBRA W BARTA  
JTWROS REE HEIGHTS TOWN  
LOTS 9-12 INCL. BLOCK 27 COR-

PORATION ADDITION, 2019, 29.49

KEITH L & DEBRA W BARTA  
JTWROS REE HEIGHTS TOWN  
LOTS 1-12 INCL. BLOCK 23 COR-

PORATION ADDITION, 2019, 173.84

COOPER BEBO MILLER CITY  
LOTS 8-12 INCL. BLOCK 28 NORTH

ADDITION, 2019, 158.29

PAUL A COSS MILLER CITY  
N 1/2 OF LOTS 8 & 9 BLOCK 35

NORTH ADDITION, 2019, 481.81

DAKOTA WILD WINGS LLC  
PLEASANT VALLEY SE 1/4 15-109-

68, 2019, 2158.96

RANDY RAY & SHELLY BEE  
DANBURG JTWROS MILLER

CITY LOTS 7-9 INCL. & LOTS 13-16

INCL. BLOCK 21 SOUTH ADDI-

TION, 2019, 173.16

EAU CLAIRE HUT HUT LLC  
REE HEIGHTS TOWN LOTS 15-17

INCL. BLOCK 8 CORPORATION

ADDITION, 2019, 143.26

G & T HOLDINGS LLC GILBERT  
NW 1/4 36-113-66, 2019, 2668.26

G & T HOLDINGS LLC GILBERT

W 1/2 NE 1/4 36-113-66, 2019,

1305.48

JOHN J GERLACH SAINT LAW-

RENCE TOWN LOTS 7-9 INCL.

BLOCK 11 PORTER & DRIVER'S

1ST ADDITION & VACATED ALLEY,

2019, 371.55

MARK GUPMAN SPRING NE

1/4 21-116-69, 2019, 683.21

CHRISTOPHER L & RONALEE R

JOHNSON JTWROS GILBERT NW

1/4 2-113-66 (LOTS 3-4 & S 1/2),

2019, 841.22

CHRISTOPHER L & RONALEE R

JOHNSON JTWROS BURDETTE S

1/2 N 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 & S 1/2 SW

1/4 SE 1/4 35-114-66, 2019, 460.09

CHRISTOPHER L & RONALEE R

JOHNSON JTWROS BURDETTE

SW 1/4 35-114-66, 2019, 834.06

CHRISTOPHER L & RONALEE R

R JOHNSON JTWROS BURDETTE

NE 1/4 35-114-66, 2019, 667.43

CHRISTOPHER L & RONALEE R

JOHNSON JTWROS GILBERT SW

1/4 2-113-66, 2019, 906.75

CHRISTOPHER L & RONALEE R

JOHNSON JTWROS GILBERT NE

1/4 2-113-66 (LOTS 1-2 & S 1/2),

2019, 976.34

CHRISTOPHER L & RONALEE R

R JOHNSON JTWROS BURDETTE

SW 1/4 35-114-66, 2019, 754.39

TERRY W JOHNSON LIVING

TRUST GILBERT SW 1/4 12-113-

66, 2019, 884.18

TERRY W JOHNSON LIVING

TRUST BURDETTE N 1/2 SE 1/4

36-114-66, 2019, 373.07

TERRY W JOHNSON LIVING

TRUST GILBERT SE 1/4 12-113-

66, 2019, 1186.23

TERRY W JOHNSON LIVING

TRUST GILBERT NE 1/4 12-113-

66, 2019, 751.75

MILLER FEED SERVICE INC

MILLER TWP. NE 1/4 22-112-68

(OUTLOT 3 IN FULTON-DONLIN

OUTLOTS - 4.50 ACRES), 2019,

699.01

DAVID J & SONDR A NABER

JTWROS SAINT LAWRENCE

TOWN LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 42 POR-

TER & DRIVER'S 3RD ADDITION,

2019, 180.54

DAVID J & SONDR A NABER

JTWROS SAINT LAWRENCE

TOWN LOTS 8-12 INCL. BLOCK 6

JOHN W. COQUILLETT'S ADDI-

TION, 2019, 140.09

DONALD SWENSON CARLTON

SW 1/4 29-115-67, 2019, 759.50

DONALD SWENSON CARLTON

SE 1/4 29-115-67, 2019, 710.26

MATTHEW T & REBECCA A

VANZEE JTWROS MILLER CITY

E 1/2 OF LOT 13 & ALL OF LOT

14 BLOCK 13 NORTH ADDITION,

2019, 508.71

DEBRA BARTA 8793 2019 -

270 51 .62 6.00 2.15 59.77 12-27

LOTS 9-12 BLK 27 CORPORATION

ADDN SECOND MOBILE HOME S#:

T#RO5480

BRAD PETERSON 9473 2019

- 5356 21.98 6.00 1.47 29.45 13 S

102' LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 13 PARK

ADDITION, MOBILE HOME ON

LEASED SITE S# T#T85150

SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK,

LLC 800021, 2019, 6546 34.83 6.00

2.32 43.15

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JUSTIN ROWLAND CAMPBELL

NW 1/4 32-114-70 SCHOOL LAND,

2019, 793.02

JUSTIN ROWLAND CAMPBELL

NW 1/4 6-114-70 (LOTS 3-4-5 & SE

1/4) SCHOOL LAND, 2019, 599.41

JOHN RUNESTAD REE

HEIGHTS TOWN LOTS 4-6 INCL.

BLOCK 17 CORPORATION ADDI-

TION, 2019, 27.71

IRIS LORRAINE SHANARD

BURDETTE SE 1 / 4 34-114-66,

2019, 812.17

IRIS LORRAINE SHANARD

BURDETTE SW 1/4 34-114-66,

2019, 854.12

ALAN L & JANET L SLUNECKA

JTWROS MILLER CITY LOT 5

& THE E 1/2 OF LOT 6 BLOCK 6

JOHN W. COQUILLETT'S ADDI-

TION, 2019, 140.09

DONALD SWENSON CARLTON

SW 1/4 29-115-67, 2019, 759.50

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By Jordan Wright

Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL)

They needed overtime to do it, but the Minnesota Vikings defeated the Jacksonville Jaguars 27-24 on Sunday. The Vikings are still in the playoff hunt with a 6-6 record, but they have some tough games coming up and will need to play much better than they have been if they want to make it to the postseason.

**The Good**

The best thing you can say about the game is at least they won. Kirk Cousins had an up-and-down game but threw for 305 yards and three touchdowns. Dalvin Cook ran for 120 yards while also catching six passes for 59 yards.

Justin Jefferson caught nine passes for 121 yards and a touchdown and is now over 1,000 yards this season. He is the second rookie in Vikings' history to surpass that mark (Randy Moss), and he trails only Odell Beckham Jr. in receiving yards in a player's first 12 games in NFL history. Adam Thielen also had a solid performance after sitting out last week due to Covid-19, as he caught eight passes for 75 yards and a touchdown.

On defense, Harrison Smith filled up the stat sheet, finishing with six tackles, two pass deflections, a half-sack, and one

timely interception in overtime. Eric Kendricks was a surprise scratch in this game, so rookie Troy Dye was called upon – and while he didn't have any splash plays, it was still a good day all things considered. Cameron Dantzler is another rookie who stepped up on Sunday. He had an interception and a forced fumble (which he recovered), and per Next Gen Stats, he was targeted eight times but only gave up two catches for 24 yards.

**The Bad**

The Vikings might have gotten a win, but it never

should have been as close as it was. The Jaguars have one of the worst secondaries in the NFL, but the Vikings refused to exploit the obvious mismatch until the second half of the game. Cousins was sloppy with the ball again, turning it over twice, including a pick-six on the first play of the second half. The offensive line was bad in both pass protection and run blocking – Cousins was under pressure nearly every time he dropped back to pass, and Cook had 120 yards but it took him 32 carries to get there (3.75 yards per carry).

**The Unknown**

Is this Vikings team better than their record would indicate, or have they simply been lucky? Is this team the one who beat Green Bay then whooped Detroit the following week? Or is this the team who lost to the Dallas Cowboys before barely escaping with wins over Carolina and Jacksonville? The regular season is now 75 percent done, yet we still don't know what to make of this Vikings team.

**Looking ahead**

The Vikings will face off against former division-

foes when they travel to Tampa Bay to take on the Buccaneers. The biggest storyline this past offseason was Tom Brady leaving New England and going to Tampa Bay, and while the Bucs started the season 6-2, they have gone 1-3 over their last four games and are fighting for a playoff spot. Not only will the Vikings have to contend with an angry Tom Brady, but they'll also have to try and manufacture points against one of the better defenses in the league. This game will tell us who the Minnesota Vikings are – contenders or pretenders. Skol!

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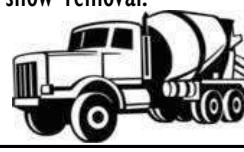
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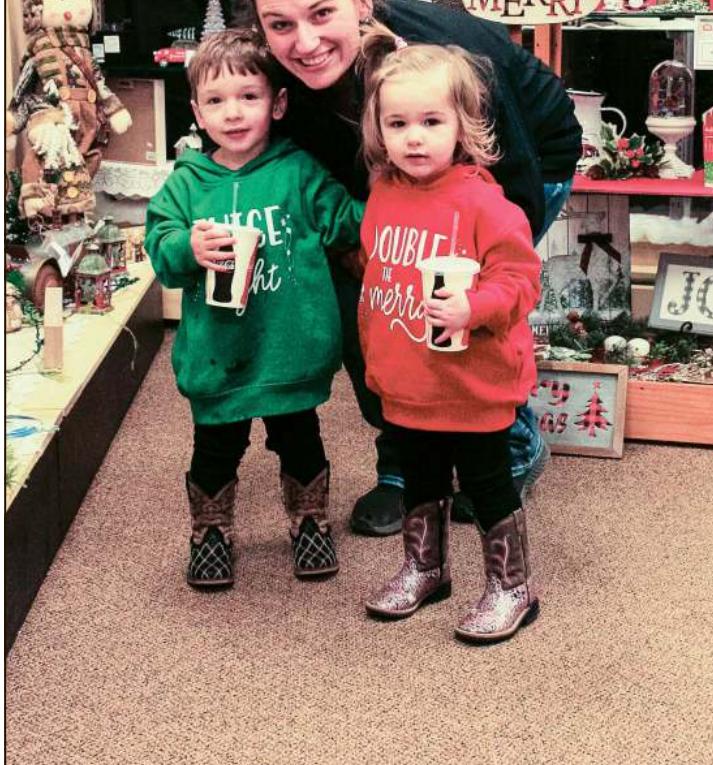
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