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BV Journal celebration marks start of 7th year

In your hands, you are holding the latest issue of the *Brandon Valley Journal,* which serves as your local news source to all things Brandon, Valley Springs and the surrounding area.

This month marks the beginning of our seventh year of publication, and it is our hope that you have found the *Journal* to be a credible source for the news, sports and events that impact us all within our coverage area, essentially the Brandon Valley School District.

Just as we have from our first issue that rolled off of the press in August of 2017, the *Journal* staff has strived to provide our readers with fair and accurate news reports, put you on the sidelines of every Brandon Valley Lynx varsity sports program and fine arts endeavors. It's always our goal to entertain you with a multitude of feature stories throughout the year on people you know, people you call your friends, neighbors and family. And of course, we've usually got a camera in hand to capture daily life in our coverage area.

We are also proud to serve as the legal newspaper for the cities of Brandon, Valley Springs, the Brandon Valley School District, Minnehaha County and area townships.

It is our hope that you will find this complimentary issue of the *Brandon Valley Journal* engaging, informative and entertaining. And we are hopeful that if you're not already a subscriber, that you will want to be one now. To our faithful subscribers, we can't thank you enough for subscribing and reading your weekly, hometown newspaper.

If print does't happen to be your thing, you can read the *Journal* in its entirety through our digital platform, brandonvalleyjournal.com.

Brandon, Valley Springs and the surrounding area is a great place to live, work and play, and we're proud to be a part of it all.

During our two-day celebration – Aug. 3 and 4 – we're offering a "Subscribe one year to the *Brandon Valley Journal* in print and receive free digital access to the *Journal"* deal. That's nearly a $25 savings for both in-county and out-of-county subscribers.

Stop by our office this Thursday or Friday to pluck a candle from our cake to renew the *Journal* or subscribe. For the next year, you can have it delivered to your mailbox for $59.39 (in-county) or $78.15 (out-of-county). That's just a dollar and few pennies a week (and some tax for Uncle Sam) to be in the know of all things local. Because that's us – Local News, Local Sports, Local Every Issue.

For our online subscribers, a years' subscription is a mere $54.18.

Join us in our celebration this Thursday and Friday!

Prayer Garden 10 years later is still growing strong

Jill Meier
Journal editor



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Judie Murawski cleans out a bird bath at the Risen Savior Prayer Garden during a worknight last week. Murawski is one of about 30 that members of the Prayer Garden Ministry Team. For more pnotos, visit brandonvalleyjournal.com.

Nestled among the trees along a busy thoroughfare in Brandon is a place of solitude that invites anyone of any faith to come sit, reflect, perhaps pray or to walk along the paved trails to take in the grandiose blooms.

For some, it's an oasis.

For others, like Monica Schroeder, it offers inspiration.

"When you walk in here, you see God belongs here and prayer belongs here. It's just a calm, surreal, inspiring place," she shares.

Schroeder is one of more than two dozen parishioners at Risen Savior in Brandon that tends to the Prayer Garden on the church grounds. Among their church family, they're recognized as the Prayer Garden Ministry Team. Some would categorize their ministry as "hands-on."

The Prayer Garden is now in its 10th year. Judy Schierholz is a charter member of the Prayer Garden Ministry Team. The idea of creating a serene and peaceful place – more specifically, a Prayer Garden – came about over a cup of coffee with a friend, Val Minihan, Schierholz said.

"Our initial thought was we would do gravel paths and everybody would bring their plants and we would plant whatever we go," she recalls. "Initially, it was a 30-year plan."

In a 2012 *Brandon Valley Challenger* story, Minihan said the garden's "30-year plan" would give her something to do in retirement.

Ten years later, their initial 30-year plan is well ahead of schedule.

The garden's biggest jumpstart came from an unexpected memorial given by the Jimmie Fjerestad family. For years, Fjerestad tended the church lawn and outdoor plants.

"We thought it's the perfect thing to do," said his wife, Bonnie.

The Prayer Garden features paved walkways that encase the Memorial Tree, which represents the Tree of Life.

"It's like the Garden of Eden," informs Laurie Lambertz, who inherited the Garden's leadership role when the Minihan family moved away. "Originally, it was an ornamental

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Submitted photo

This is an aerial view of the Brandon 90 Plaza development.

Spades to go in ground this month at Brandon 90 Plaza

Heartland Appliance first to begin building

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Darrel Viereck wants residents to know there are a variety of new business endeavors coming to the Brandon 90 Plaza development.

Unfortunately, he can't spill the beans on all of them – just yet.

"By spring we will have a lot of good news to pass on," Viereck assures.

Announced earlier this year, Heartland Appliance is expected to put shovels in the ground this month. In April, owner Rob Van Egdom had expected to begin construction in May. That date was pushed back to August following soil compaction issues and Van Egdom's request for two driveways.

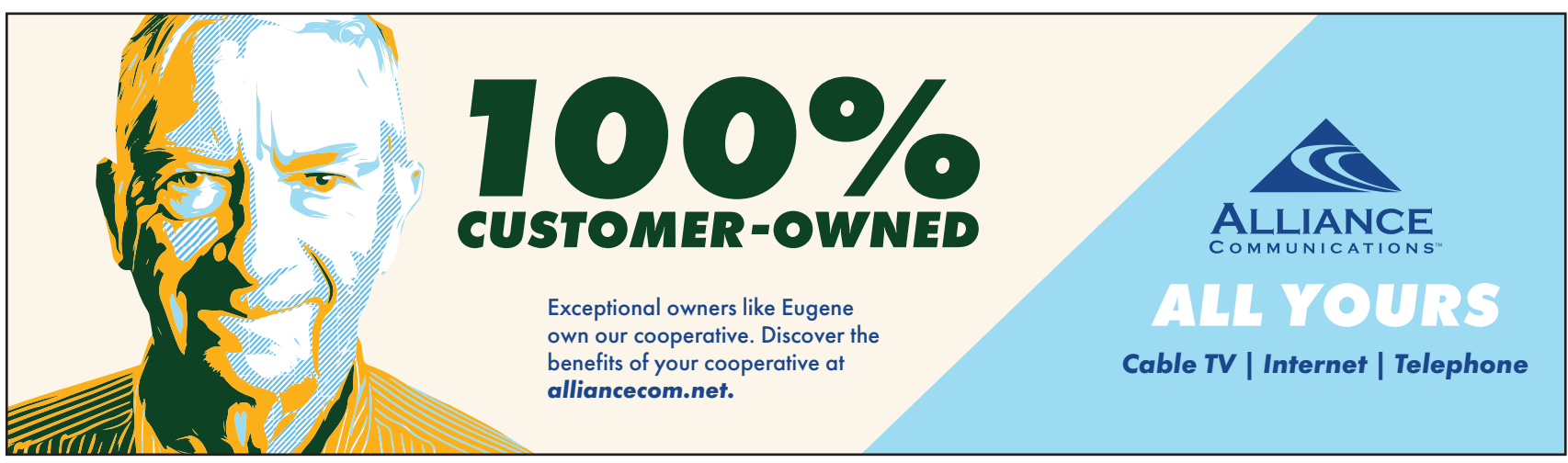
Both issues have since been resolved.

The Heartland Appliance building will take up 8,800 square feet in the northwest corner of the development. They will sell Whirlpool, Kitchen Aid and Amana appli-

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Journal Viewpoints

As summer's end nears, BVSD staff prep facilities for start of school year

SUPE'S **ON**



Dr. Jarod Larson
BVSD Superintendent

As summer break is coming to an end, I cannot help but be impressed at the quantity and quality of work done by our Custodial, Building and Grounds, and Maintenance Staff. In preparation for the coming school year, these valued individuals have maintained, prepped, and cleaned the over 1 million square feet of school buildings and grounds within the Brandon Valley School District. Their valuable role makes providing a great education possible. Great work and thank you to all our Custodial, Building and Grounds, and Maintenance Staff!

The bus pass purchase deadline has come and gone. I want to extend a GIANT THANK YOU to all the families that met the cutoff date. Your timely cooperation was critically important to our planning and preparation for the Fall. With bus passes purchased, the start of school is right around the corner and it is important to engage our kids in conversations about traveling safely to school.

Engaging our children on the topics of stranger danger, distracted driving, crosswalk rules, and bicycle safety is a proactive measure and supports your child's safe commute to and from school. Kids need to be aware, cautious, and prepared for their school commute. Together, we promote student safety.

Go Lynx!

'To boot'

THE ABSENT **UNCLE**



D.C. Schultz
Guest Columnist

The other day I was corresponding with an old friend and we each used the phrase "to boot" in different parts of our conversation.

It went something like this: "It was a good time together and the food was good to boot." The response later in the conversation was, "Nothing can ever replace old friendships and the good time we have had together to boot."

OK. We are both born and raised Midwesterners (Minnesota); we both used the same "to boot" expression and we knew exactly what we meant by adding it. I just had to check with some of my other friends – not born and raised in Minnesota – did they understand and use the phrase "to boot"?

I started with my wife, a California native. Nope. Doesn't use the phrase but has heard me say it a million times, so now understands it.

Second query: A 40-something Texas native. "What are you talking about" was his response and his wife said the same.

Third query: A 60 something Louisiana native. I've heard it, but don't understand it. I just ignore it or ask a question.

Fourth query: My daughter (age withheld on her request), raised in California, lived in Kansas, now in Oregon, said she's heard me say it, but never understood it.

So, this isn't the most scientific research ever performed, but it stands to reason that "to boot" is somewhat regional – but from what origin?

Per the wonderful – always correct internet – the expression comes from old English law, which used the term "to bote" to indicate something added in addition to the original settlement. Our translation in slang took "bote" to "boot" and there we are; "to boot", something added.

So, hopefully you were entertained by this column and got a bit of new knowledge to boot.

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Inspired by the word ... and you

JILL'S **JOURNAL**



Jill Meier | Editor

Wow.

That's about all I can say as Brandon Valley Media Group begins its seventh year of publishing the *Brandon Valley Journal* and *Brandon Valley Trader*.

Over the last six years, it's been a crazy, but oh, such a memorable ride, and I'm surely not ready to get off this ride just yet.

Over these last six years, I've learned a lot about things I'd never given much thought about before. I've made tons of decisions along the way. Some were great, others, well, let's just say we learn from our mistakes.

I've had many a sleepless night, countless talks with the Good Lord on many of those sleepless nights, during a drive out to Rapid City for state wrestling or basketball or track and even while standing in front of the bathroom mirror mindlessly blow-drying my hair.

If I'm honest, when we first began Brandon Valley Media Group, I questioned myself and what I was pursuing, more so those questions came when things got tough or confusing or overwhelming.

Those moments happened.

Often.

But there have been other moments – those positive, uplifting moments – no matter how big or small that has kept me plunging forward, making that next call to learn more as I found who and what I needed to bring Brandon Valley Media Group and our print and online products to life.

Many of those moments of encouragement when I needed it most came from many of you. They've come in the aisles of Sunshine. They've happened at the post office, the bank, at church, at the ballpark, the golf course, the sidelines of the football field, and even the bar. They've come in Facebook posts, text messages, phone calls, emails and even the old-fashioned way, handwritten notes and letters.

I've cherished them all – each and every one of them.

Early on, a handwritten memo from one of our dedicated subscribers, Dale Carstens, continues to put a smile on my face every time I catch a glimpse of it. And it catches my eye often. The note – "Glad your back, Jill!! Give 'em hell!" – you see, is pinned on a bulletin board on the wall next to my desk.

It's funny to think that seven simple, little words could be so inspiring.

But they are.

The Good Lord willing, I hope that those seven, simple little words will continue to inspire myself and my team for many more years to come.

I realize there's more to learn, oodles of questions to be asked, and more decisions – good and bad – to be made and possibly to learn from. I suspect I'll have many more countless talks with the Good Lord on sleepless nights, during a drive west or while I stand in front of the bathroom mirror mindlessly blow-drying my hair.

But ultimately, it's the folks who invested in an idea, the written word, and this place that I've considered home for just shy of 20 years now that inspired the creation of Brandon Valley Media Group.

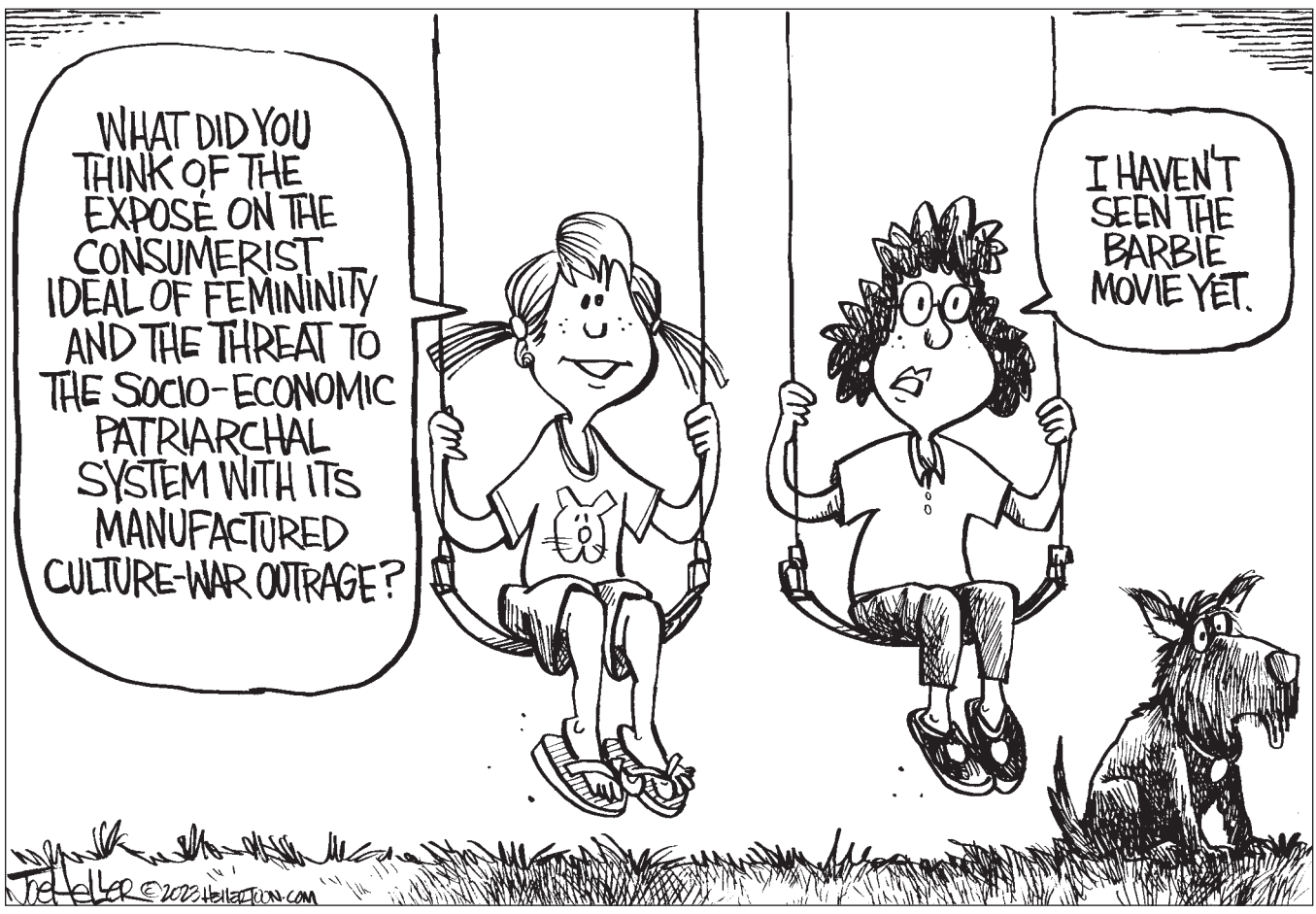
And of course, I can't forget about those seven simple little words on a handwritten note pinned to a bulletin board that keeps us plunking out a weekly newspaper and documenting our daily life.

Thanks, for subscribing, reading and supporting a dream come true.

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Please stop by the *Brandon Valley Journal* office, 1404 E. Cedar St., this Thursday and Friday for our anniversary celebration and discounts on your subscription.

As always, we'll have cake.



The ability to enCOURAGE is sacred.

FROM THE **PULPIT**



Pastor Greg Johnson
Beaver Valley Lutheran

The ability of a Christian to encourage those with whom they interact is not to be wasted. As much as encouragement is our ability it is also one of the great possibilities that we've been given. The world simply gets bigger and better when we remind others of goodness now and to come.

In St. Paul's letter to the church at Colossae, he praises their work in the faith. He writes that he wishes that he could be with them so that they could "mutually encourage" one another (Col. 1:12). The full letter is a treasure trove of encouragement combined with teaching.

What St. Paul knew –that encouragement is a power followers of Jesus have – is something that Beaver Valley Lutheran members have deeply experienced these past 14 months. Having been forced out of our church home (a May 29, 2022 tornado), we have been a worshipping/serving congregation in various and kind places. At every turn, faithful people from far and wide have offered help.

Whatever the kindness has been, it has added up to the encouragement that has kept our congregation alive and hopeful. The fun part for us now will be to remember (and we do) what you have said to us and then turn to others who need a "lift" and do the same. We look forward to be able to share holy words: "You're not forgotten;" "How can we help?"; "You're going to be OK"; "We keep you in our thoughts and prayers."

You see? We really can be in the business of keeping each other alive. Most certainly St. Paul would agree that to speak of "mutual encouragement" means that the encouragement we have received is the encouragement that we can become. That's what Beaver Valley members know – because many of you reading this article have taught us.

Bringing clarity to crytocurrency

FROM THE **CAPITOL**



Rep. Dusty Johnson
U.S. Congress

Cryptocurrencies are confusing. Is it real money? Is it digital money? Is it worth the investment? Is it risky?

Many people see a great advantage to investing in the digital asset market. However, the past few years have been riddled with lawsuits, bankruptcies, and complications for digital asset developers and investors. Because of a lack of regulatory framework, digital asset companies encounter a higher risk of regulation-by-enforcement by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). A recent District Court decision in the Ripple Labs case held that Ripple's token, XRP, is not a security in and of itself, highlighting the fact that legislation from Congress is past due.

Every market expert I have spoken with or heard testify in the House Ag Committee says this regulatory gap needs solved so the market can innovate and thrive with certainty. Earlier this month, the House Ag Committee and House Financial Services Committee introduced a historic bill to do just that. The *Financial Innovation and Technological (FIT) for the 21st Century Act* is the product of months of collaboration between the two committees, bipartisan joint committee hearings, and conversations with experts.

This week, it passed with bipartisan support out of both

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Brandon man charged with vehicular homicide

Staff report

A Brandon man faces numerous charges, most notably vehicular homicide, DUI and hit and run, following a late-night accident on Saturday.

According to Sioux Falls Police, Anthony Surdez turned in front of a motorcycle driven by Jonathan Paulsness, 29, who died as a result of the crash. The crash happened at the intersection of Arrowhead Drive and Veterans Parkway.

Surdez fled the scene, and investigators say he drove home, where Brandon Police arrested him there.

He is in the Minnehaha County jail. Court records show this is Surdez's fifth DUI arrest since 2008.

'Idol Across America' in search of South Dakota talent

Staff report

"Idol Across America" is searching South Dakota next month via Zoom auditions with an American Idol producer to find the show's next superstar.

For the fourth year in a row, "Idol Across America" will host the live virtual nationwide search for the next superstar, featuring auditions days for all 50 states plus Washington, D.C.

During this season's first round of "American Idol," the candidates can sign up for face-to-face auditions in front of producers to receive real-time feedback and a chance of making Idol history to eventually be crowned the next "American Idol" as the new season begins on ABC.

Auditions will take place Aug. 9. For more information, and specific audition details, locations, full eligibility requirements, submission forms, terms and conditions, visit americanidol.com/auditions.

Business, as usual ...



Jill Meier/BV Journal

A wooden sign covering the entryway of The Gruff Plates & Pours in Brandon is catching the eye of many passersby. To make light of situation, the sign tells patrons: "We are Open," "Not a drive through," "No, this is not a patio," "Our new hit restaurant" and "Having a Gruff Day". The messaging is a result of an accident on July 16, when a driver parking in front of the restaurant hit the gas instead of the brake.

Kolbe suggests implementing county 'public safety' fee for larger homes, businesses

Dave Baumeister
County correspondent

SIOUX FALLS – During public comment at the Tuesday, July 25, Minnehaha County Commission meeting, former County Commissioner Bob Kolbe suggested a way for the county to increase revenue.

In the past, commissioners have discussed – and even tried to get measures through the legislature – being able to add a 1 percent sales tax for counties, sometimes specific to alcohol taxes, but that idea has been shot down on multiple occasions.

Currently, the only ability counties have to raise funds is through property taxes and a variety of fees.

While Kolbe didn't get into specifics at last week's meeting, he talked of adding an additional "public safety" fee and making that dependent on the size of the property to which that fee is being assessed.

For example, smaller houses and businesses may not see much of an assessment, but larger properties like a "mansion" or "Amazon" would be assessed more.

Kolbe's point was since larger entities need more services, they should be assessed more for them.

Kolbe served on the Minnehaha County Commission for almost two decades, from 1989 to 2008.

No action was taken on his suggestion, as it was just public comment, and commissioners cannot take action on issues that are not on the agenda.

There were a few other minor items considered at the meeting, but they were all very brief.

There Minnehaha County Commission meets next at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, on the third floor of the Minnehaha County Administration building at Sixth and Minnesota in Sioux Falls.

SMGA announces search for next president/CEO

Fonkert to take on role as deputy commissioner for the GOED

Staff report



Jesse Fonkert

Sioux Metro Growth Alliance (SMGA) has launched an immediate search for a new president/CEO to lead the efforts of South Dakota's largest regional economic development organization. Jesse Fonkert, current president/CEO, will be leaving the position at the end of August following three and a half years in the role to pursue a new opportunity. SMGA serves the economic development needs of 16 rural and suburban municipalities in the four counties that make up the Sioux Falls metro statistical area.

"We're grateful for Fonkert's leadership of SMGA and wish him the best in his next position," said SMGA Chairman Jay Buchholz. "The Board's focus now is selecting a president and CEO that can guide the organization into its next chapter, serve the needs of the membership base, and lead the five-person staff."

"It has been an honor to serve as first, executive director of the combined Lincoln and Minnehaha County Economic Development Associations, and now as the president and CEO of SMGA. The success of our organization is thanks to the dedication of our staff, boards, and members of SMGA. I am excited for what the future holds for the economic development of this region and the continued progress

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TALK of the TOWN

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are soups (vegebable, vegetable beef, chicken gumbo), Spam, cookies, bar soap, single toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash.

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

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

MCAP to host live taping of Fear Falls broadcast

Tickets are now available for Fear Falls Mo-Stravaganza at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6 the Corson Playhouse. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

Hosted by the Mighty Corson Art Players, this taping of the Fear Falls broadcast in addition to a special recording of The Dave Holly Hour.

Fear Falls is a monster story radio show combining the styles of the '40s radio plays with the spooky vibe of the '80s and '90s thrillers, sharing atmospheric stories of all the ghouls and crawling creatures lurking under the Midwest Moon.

For tickets, which are $10 each, visit the MCAP Facebook page.

VS Legion BBQ fundraiser is Aug. 11

Valley Springs American Legion will be serving up its BBQ fundraiser from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11. This month's BBQ is being held one week earlier than usual.

Pillow cleaning service in Brandon Aug. 15

Brandon Lutheran WELCA has arranged to have Kraft Pillow Service in Brandon from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15 at the church, 600 E. Holly Blvd. Pillows may be brought to the main entrance of the church to be cleaned.

To learn more, call BLC at (605) 582-3401.

BLC to host Aug. 17 blood drive

Registrations are now being taken for a Red Cross Blood Drive from 12 noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17 at Brandon Lutheran Church.

To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org.

Chamber's Biz Bash is on tap for Aug. 26

The Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce is organizing Biz Bash from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 in the Splitrock Square parking lot outside the Chamber office. Kidpreneurs are also invited to sell their wares from 10 a.m.-noon. The event is free and open to the public.

To learn more, call the BVACC at (605) 582-7400 or visit brandonvalleychamber.com.

Area Death Notices

Tuesday, July 25
Beverly Amundson, 85, Sioux Falls
Robert Anderson, 83, Beresford
Mary Dorsman, 81, Sioux Falls, formerly of Garretson
Ardis Eilts, 89, Ireton, Iowa
Leone Howes, 70, Sioux Falls
William Hulzebos, 19, Brandon
James Lovro, 85, Sioux Falls
Raymond Neuroth Sr., 91, Sioux Falls
Lawrence Pokorney, 74, Sioux Falls, formerly of Yankton
Dennis Preston, 82, Garretson
Gerald Randle, 52, Yankton
Bernie Spielmann, 89, Colman
Lyle Wilson IV, 2 months, 12 days, Sioux Falls

Wednesday, July 26
Carol Cope, 84, Brandon
Cara Lee Davis, 92, Sioux Falls
Donna Gullickson, 79, Sioux Falls
Dorothy Johnson, 93, Sioux Falls

Thursday, July 27
Corine Mandler, 69, Marion
Mark Perleberg, 58, Sioux Falls
Audrey Watzek, 87, Sioux Falls, formerly of Luverne, Minn.

Friday, July 28
Leslie Bartlett, 84, Sioux Falls
Curtis Dornbusch, 71, Howard
Lee Halstenson, 78, Sioux Falls
Shirley Nelson, 82, Sioux Falls
Deanna Stepanek, 83, Yankton

Saturday, July 29
Jane Barnett, 56, Sioux Falls
Vern Brown, 93, Sioux Falls
Margie Hagen, 94, Sioux Falls
Craig Jensen, 83, Hurley
Mary Johnson, 88, Sioux Falls
Mary Jane Kruse, 77, Inwood, Iowa
Lois Merritt, 95, Sioux Falls
Robert Oswald, 93, Huron
Virginia "Gin" Peterson, 89, Centerville
Allen Sambo, 73, Sioux Falls
Kelly Schrader, 61, Harrisburg
Kathy Schuette, 73, Sioux Falls
Mark Sponheim, 73, Sioux Falls
Jobriath "Joby" Tingley, 42, Sioux Falls

Sunday, July 30
Donald Carlson, 92, Mt. Vernon
Garry Cox, 68, Mitchell
Elda Keeton, 101, Mitchell
Eleanor Peters Gieseman, 93, White Lake

Monday, July 31
Myron Downs, 83, Madison
Jane Dvorak, 77, Brookings, formerly of Tripp
Barbara Hillestad, 79, Sioux Falls
Harlan "Harley" Kjergaard Jr., 60, Rowena
Jonathan Paulsness, 29, Baltic
Julie Schmidt, 63, Sioux Falls

Obituaries

William Hulzebos, 19



William Michael Hulzebos, 19, of Brandon, S.D., died as a result of a motorcycle accident on July 22, 2023 in Sioux Falls.

Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5, at Brandon Lutheran Church in Brandon. Visitation will be 5-7:00 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 4, at Brandon Lutheran Church.

William Michael Hulzebos was born on Nov. 23, 2003 in Sioux Falls, S.D., to Lance and Leah (Adrian) Hulzebos. Will grew up in Brandon and attended Brandon Lutheran Church. He graduated from Brandon Valley High School and was currently attending Dakota State University for Digital Arts & Design. Will was excited to specialize in digital sound design for movies, music and large venue performances.

Will was employed at Hulzebos Plumbing, Heating & Cooling where he worked alongside his Dad and Grandpa daily. Previously, he worked at Menard's in the plumbing department, and at Casey's as an assistant manager. Will always put his best foot forward and dug in whole-heartedly to each and every task.

Although William's life was short, he lived life to the fullest. A quote by John A. Shedd captures the essence of Will best: "A ship in harbor is safe – but that is not what ships are built for."

William had so many experiences and so many hobbies. Snowboarding turned into longboarding, which turned into motorcycling and jet skiing. Fishing, Airsoft challenges, target shooting, car detailing, the list goes on... If Will loved something, he wanted you to love the same something. He was very inclusive and always wanted others to be as involved and enthusiastic as he was.

Will's life was custom built; hand-made to his specification in every way. He was innovative, creative, and detailed in everything he did. He wanted to customize and shape everything to make it the absolute best it could be. If something was "off the shelf", he wanted to improve it and make it better.

Will loved to find new recipes. The more complex and unique the recipe was, the more excited he got to make it. William grew Oyster mushrooms and Lion's Mane mushrooms. Above all, Will loved meat. Meat was a passion; seasonings, various techniques, and the simple joy of eating it. Will's love of food was balanced with his love for fitness. The fitness aspect began with his participation and dedication to Taekwondo. He was extremely disciplined and took pride in achieving his Black Belt.

Everyone who has rallied around Will's passing is a reflection of Will's love. Will would say to keep giving, keep going and keep continuing to multiply the love we are all sharing today. Even in death, William gave all that he could. Will chose to be an organ donor. Giving the gift of himself is something that he was always honored to do.

William is survived by his parents Lance and Leah Hulzebos, and his brother, Isaiah Hulzebos; grandparents, Allen and Phyllis Hulzebos of Sioux Falls, and Verlo and Andrea Adrian of Windom, Minn.; aunts and uncles, Valerie (Mike) Anderson, Ryan (Carie) Hulzebos, Carrie (Aaron) Wheeler, Jill (Andrew) George, Briana Visker, Taylor (Leah) Adrian, Cody (Lindsay) Adrian; girlfriend, Liv Reinsch; best friends, Peyton Lamb, Carsyn Koster, and Kyle Lundquist; 19 cousins, countless friends and a tremendous amount of extended family. Will's dogs, Charlie and Gus provided unconditional companionship that he was sincerely grateful for. William was preceded in death by his angel baby sister, Kate Hulzebos in 2020, angel baby uncle, Eric Hulzebos, angel baby cousins, Abbigail Hulzebos and Stella Hulzebos, and cousin, Kelsey Hulzebos.

For online condolences, visit georgeboom.com.

Carol Cope, 84



Carol Lea Cope, 84, of Brandon, died Monday, July 24, 2023, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, surrounded by her three daughters and her sister.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, also at Heartland Funeral Home in Brandon. Interment followed at the Canton Lutheran Cemetery, Canton.

Carol is survived by her three daughters, Tami (Kevin) Goembel, Worthing, Kris (Kevin) Mielke, Canton, and Wendy (Jim) Metzger, Brandon; six grandchildren, Dallas (Erica) Goembel, Dani (Nate) Finney, Matthew Mielke, Ryan Mielke, Kaycee Metzger (fiancée Josh Price) and Kenzie Metzger (fiancée Jordan Ide); and five great-grandchildren, Thomas, Samuel, Brynn, Bennet and Kolsen.

For online condolences, visit heartlandfunerals.com

Harlan Kjergaard Jr., 60



Harlan Kjergaard Jr., 60, of Rowena, died Friday, July 28, 2023, after recent health struggles. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023, at Augustana Lutheran Church, 235 N. Prairie Ave. in Sioux Falls. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023, at George Boom Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory in Sioux Falls.

He is survived by Lyla Pedersen of Rowena; siblings, Jerry (Jan) Kjergaard of Faribault, Minn., and Laurie (PJ) Stoner of Canton; sister-in-law, Jennifer Kjergaard of Sioux Falls; son, Danny Kjergaard of California; step-son, Andrew Pedersen of Sioux Falls; nieces and nephews, Sarah (Jose) Rojas, Steven Kjergaard, Tyler Ueke, and Caleb, Sean, Marilyn, and Stacy Kjergaard; bonus mother, Louise Thorsgard of Brandon; and a host of loving family and friends

For online condolences, visit georgeboom.com.

Minnehaha County Sheriff's Log

TUESDAY, JULY 25

• Lockout, Cliff Ave. and Valley Dr., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.

• 911 hang-up, 252nd St. and 479th Ave., Garretson, necessary action taken.

• Suspicious vehicle, 255th St., Garretson, case report taken.

• Juvenile delinquency, Dows St. and River Ave., Garretson, case report taken.

• Check well-being, 485th Ave. and 259th St., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

• Child custody dispute, 475th Ave. and Washington St., Renner, necessary action taken.

• Reckless driver, Hwy. 42 and 482nd Ave., Brandon, unable to locate.

• Stray animal, 254th St., Garretson, unable to locate.

• Chest pain, 475th Ave. and Cedar Ridge Pl., Renner, necessary action taken.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

• Stroke, Cliff Ave. and Linden St., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.

• Reckless driver, 268th St. and Hwy. 9, Valley Springs.

• Suspicious vehicle, S. Leslie Dr., Garretson, necessary action taken.

• Check well-being, 258th St., Garretson, necessary action taken.

• Juvenile delinquency, Jacob Circle and Lacy Ave., Garretson.

FRIDAY, JULY 28

• Hit-and-run, 478th Ave. and I-90 ramp, Brandon, case report and state accident report taken.

• Cardiac arrest, Douglas Ave. and Webster St., Rowena, case report taken.

• Neighbor dispute, 481st Ave. and 250th St., Brandon, necessary action taken.

• Motorist assist, I-90 and I-0 ramp, Valley Springs, necessary action taken.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

• Weapons violations, Lyndall Rd. and Frederick Rd., Renner, necessary action taken.

• Check well-being, E. Redwood Blvd., Brandon, unable to locate.

• Suspicious vehicle, 266th St. and 483rd Ave., Rowena, unable to locate.

• Disorderly subjects, Fourth St. and Sherman Ave., Garretson, necessary action taken.

• Family dispute, Fifth St. and Center Ave., Garretson, necessary action taken.

• Disorderly subjects, 258th St. and Shortstop Ave., Renner, necessary action taken.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

• Check well-being, Hwy. 42, Brandon, unable to locate.

• Cardiac arrest, Fourth St. and Sherman Ave., Garretson, case report taken.

• Unknown problem, N. Pipestone St. and E. Sylvan Circle, Brandon, necessary action taken.

• Reckless driver, 478th Ave. and I-90 ramp, Brandon, unable to locate.

• Burglary alarm, 257th St. and 480th Ave., Brandon, necessary action taken.

• Check well-being, Fourth St. and Sherman Ave., necessary action taken.

• Motorist assist, 478th Ave., Garretson, necessary action taken.

• Larceny, 476th Ave. and I-90 ramp, Brandon, necessary action taken.

• Accident, I-90, Valley Springs, state accident report taken, citation issued.

MONDAY, JULY 31

• Traffic hazard, 258th St. and 482nd Ave., Brandon, necessary action taken.

• Disorderly subjects, N. Chestnut Blvd. and 261st St., Brandon, necessary action taken.

• Disorderly subjects, Westover Pl. and 485th Ave., Garretson, necessary action taken.

• Suspicious vehicle, Dunham St., Valley Springs, unable to locate.

• Accident, Hwy. 11, Brandon, necessary action taken.

Property Transfers

Brandon area property transfers from July 21-28, 2023 on record in the County Equalization office are as follows. Dollar amounts are rounded:

• 1408 W. Creekside Dr., Brandon, from Corey Gerovac and Brittany Gerovac to Ronald J. Carlson and Julia A. Carlson, $330,000.

• 48186 258th St. and vacant lot, Brandon, from Norbert Schmitz and Karon Schmitz to TAMT Holdings LLC, $440,000.

• 901 N. Garnet Dr., Brandon, from WT Homes, Inc. to Larry H. Narum and Ann M. Narum, $696,000.

• 316 Depot Ave., Garretson, from Chris A. Engelkes to Samantha Lueck and Trase Lueck, $210,000.

• 1000 S. Nicholas Ave., Brandon, from Construction Development Investment LLC to Daniel Morante, $690,000.

• 309 S. Fourth Ave., Brandon, from Adam Vugeteveen and Kristal Vugeteveen (FKA Perrine) to Peter Goehring and Katrina Goehring, $300,000.

• 116 W. Beechnut St., Brandon, from Brett Pappas and Kristina Pappas to Adam Small and Samantha Small, $357,500.

• 109 S. Leighton St., Brandon, from Smith Family Trust to Andrea Smith, $330,500.

BRANDON POLICE REPORT

TUESDAY, JULY 25

• Suspicious vehicle at N. Seventh Ave. and E. Birch St., checked OK.

• Motorist assist in 200 block of W. Holly Blvd.

• Tagged abandoned vehicle in 800 block of W. Holly Blvd.

• Parking violation in 2600 block of E. Sunrise Court, advised.

• Shoplifting reported in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., advised.

• Assist Sheriff's office with warrant service in 1300 block of E. Keystone Dr.

• Public assists in 300 block of S. Main Ave., 300 block of S. Spring Pl., 200 block of S. Sioux Blvd., 1100 block of E. Holly Blvd.

• Transfer in 1100 block of E. Holly Blvd., turned over to MED-Star.

• Medical emergencies in 2800 block of E. Augusta Circle, 100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., 100 block of S. Robin Dr., turned over to MED-Star.

• Assist Sheriff's office with check the well-being of subject, occurred in county.

• Hit-and-run reported in 1900 block of W. River Bluff Dr., advised.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

• Juvenile delinquency at N. Splitrock Blvd. and E. Birch St., advised, turned over to parent.

• Check security in 500 block of N. Splitrock Blvd.

• Family dispute in 100 block of W. Conifer St., advised.

• Traffic hazard reported in 400 block of N. Sioux Blvd., removed from roadway.

• Towed an abandoned vehicle from S. Second Ave. and E. Lark St.

• Public assists in 2700 block of E. Sunburst Dr., 300 block of S. Main Ave., 1900 block of N. Walnut Ave.

• Medical emergency in 2500 block of E. Augusta St., turned over to MED-Star.

• Parking violation reported in 600 block of N. Teton Dr., unfounded.

• Check security in 100 block of W. Evergreen Dr., checked OK.

• Coralee Ann Multerer, 58, arrested for warrant service in 200 block of N. Needles Dr.

• Theft reported in 900 block of S. Aspen Park Road, under investigation.

• Runaways reported in 100 block of W. Alpine Circle, 100 block of W. Evergreen Dr.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

• Check security in 200 block of E. Holly Blvd.

• Assist Sheriff's office with checking the well-being of a subject, occurred in county.

• Medical emergency in 1200 block of E. Keystone Pl., turned over to MED-Star.

• Public assists in 100 block of W. Alpine Circle, 300 block of S. Main Ave.

• Juvenile delinquency at E. Aspen Blvd. and S. Country Club Ave., advised.

• Traffic hazard at N. Sioux and Redwood boulevards, removed from roadway.

• Ara Mei Anderson 19, arrested for DUI-1st, tobacco violation, possession of marijuana, paraphernia, false identification at N. Splitrock Blvd. and E. Teakwood St.

• Check security at all parks.

FRIDAY, JULY 28

• Public assists in 300 block of S. Main Ave., 200 block of S. Augusta Ave., 1100 block of S. Lakota Ave., at N. Ninth Ave. and E. Birch St.

• Alarm in 1800 block of W. Thomas Circle, checked OK.

• Assist Sheriff's office with civil paper service in 100 block of W. Ironwood St.

• Check well-being of subject in 1800 block of W. River Bluff Dr., checked OK, advised.

• Missing person reported in 1100 block of S. Lakota Ave., advised.

• Check well-being of subject in 1400 block of E. Rushmore Dr., advised.

• Child custody dispute reported in 300 block of S. Main Ave., advised.

• Found property in 1400 block of S. Lakota Ave.

• Traffic hazard reported at N. Sioux Blvd. and E. Thad St., removed from roadway.

• Check security in 700 block of S. McHardy Road.

• Accident reported in 1700 block of S. River Oak Ave., Richard Jay Ryan-Mann, 70, arrested for DUI-1st, careless driving.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

• Suspicious subject in 1600 block of S. Parkview Blvd., unable to locate.

• Public assist in 1700 block of S. River Oak Ave.

• Found property in 300 block of S. Main Ave., returned to owner.

• Found property in 100 block of E. Glenwood Dr., returned to owner.

• Theft reported from 1800 block of S. Locust Ave., under investigation.

• Medical emergencies in 100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., 200 block of W. Holly Blvd., turned over to MED-Star.

• Traffic hazard reported at N. Sioux and Redwood boulevards, removed from roadway.

• Noise disturbance in 200 block of E. Glenwood Dr., advised.

• Assist Sioux Falls Police with locating a vehicle involved in a hit-and-run accident in 200 block of N. Crystal Pl.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

• Medical emergencies in 100 block of N. Pipestone St.,

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Birthday

90th – Ray Ode



An open house to celebrate Ray Ode's 90th birthday is planned from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6 at Brandon Lutheran Church, 600 E Holly Blvd, Brandon.

MCAP announces cast for fall show

Staff report

The Mighty Corson Art Players has announced the cast for their fall show, "They Promised Her the Moon." Performances are set for Oct. 13-15 and 19-22.

Taking the stage for this production are Macie Lupica, Nancy Tapken, Alicia J. Van Der bill, Nathan Sparks, Tyler F. Johnson and Devin Finecy.

Season ticket sales will open soon at mightycorson.com/store/season-tickets.

BAFP garners $4,500 from CHS Harvest for Hunger campaign

Staff report

The Brandon Area Food Pantry was gifted a $4,500 donation from CHS's annual Harvest for Hunger food campaign. Diana Nelson, Senior AR/AP Specialist for CHS in Brandon and Corson, delivered the bounty to BAFP Executive Director Linda Weber last week.

Weber said the donation will go a long way, as the Pantry has seen a decline in donations in recent months.

Rising food prices, she said, is one of the reasons for the decrease.

"That's why we're getting new people here," she said. "Both (parents) have jobs but they're having to pay everything else – insurance, rent/mortgage, utilities."

Weber did say the Pantry is receiving donations of fresh produce from personal gardens, but more are always welcome.

The CHS donation was made possible through the efforts of its employees, who each March collect food, grain and monetary donations. Last March, a raffle was staged to give away a smoker pellet grill, a Smart TV, a Blackstone griddle, Cenex gas cards and four, half processed hogs.

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of the employees from CHS Brandon, CHS National Accounts, CHS Nutrition in Corson, Sioux Falls and Marshall, Minn., over $46,000 was raised.



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Linda Weber (left), executive director of the Brandon Area Food Pantry, accepts a $4,500 donation from CHS rep, Diana Nelson. The donation was made possible through CHS's annual Harvest for Hunger campaign.

Nelson said a huge thank you also goes out to patrons, local businesses and friends for their generous donations. With an additional bonus received from the CHS corporate office, final donations reached $76,000.

Nelson said 100 percent of money raised is being distributed to local food pantries and charities within the CHS Brandon business unit, and Feeding South Dakota.

Since 2011, CHS has donated more than $30,000 to the Brandon Food Pantry.

CHS Country Operations began their annual Harvest for Hunger food campaign in 2011. CHS in Brandon and Corson, formerly operating as Eastern Farmers Coop and Harvest States, have participated in this campaign since its beginning. The CHS Brandon business unit includes 16 grain facilities, 10 agronomy plants, 17 LP bulk plants and two feed mills. It employs 260 full-time and 110 seasonal people.

Indoor hockey facility at Aspen Park continues to gain momentum

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

Things took another big step forward for the Brandon Valley Hockey Association and their desire to build an indoor facility in Aspen Park.

At the July 20 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, the board approved the Association's Conditional Use Permit to build the facility in the park, along with two variances to complete the project.

With the approval, the Hockey Association can now present building plans to the city. Plans and renderings have already been prepared by Sioux Falls-based Koch Hazard Architects meaning things could move quickly moving forward.

The two variances approved included signage on the side of the building, along with the surface of the parking lot for the facility.

The board approved signage for the outside of the building to be no more than 200 square feet. City Engineer Tami Jansma said that size is typical throughout the city.

Similar to the parking area at baseball's First National Bank Field, the area around the proposed hockey facility will be gravel for now. Paving will eventually cover the lot, but Jansma said that will come after the park is fully developed.

"We don't want them to pave their parking lot until we have the road (through the park) in there," she said. "Until we have all the storm water infrastructure in, the variance for a gravel parking lot was approved."

It's been several years since the Association first rolled out the idea of an indoor arena. The flooding of Split Rock Creek in September of 2019 that destroyed the Association's outdoor facility at McHardy Park really ramped up talks, only seeing them sputter over recent years.

In September of 2020, Orthopedic Institute and Sioux Falls Specialty Hospital signed on as the naming rights partner for a new building. The facility had hoped to begin construction in the summer of 2021 and was to be known as the Brandon Valley SuperRink, home of the Brandon Valley Ice Cats. However, in January of 2022, the Association announced they were moving on from Aspen Park in hopes of purchasing land to build the facility because it would be easier to secure financing.

But over the last year, the Association and City have been in talks resulting in last week's Conditional Use Permit to build in Aspen Park. Association President Tom Gruenig said they've raised $1.3 million through pledges and have secured a loan through Plains Commerce Bank that will enable them to move forward with submitting construction plans to the city.

"We had our ducks in a row and DGR (engineering firm) helped push the project through for us," Gruenig said about Thursday's Planning & Zoning meeting. "It's moving in the right direction. It's just one step at a time."

The entire three-phase project to build an indoor facility at Aspen Park is projected to be $5 million with the first phase to construct the building and install the ice coming in at $3 million. Gruenig said in February of this year that they hope to begin construction yet this summer.

Brandon Police cont. from page 4A

1000 block of E. Teakwood St., turned over to MED-Star.

• Family dispute in 2100 block of E. Sylvan Circle, advised.

• Public assist in 400 block of S. First Ave.

• Two-vehicle accident in 1300 block of E. Rushmore Dr.

MONDAY, JULY 31

• Parking violation in 100 block of W. Greenwood St., tagged.

• Check well-being of subjects in 1200 block of E. Keystone Pl., 1400 block of E. Rushmore Dr., checked OK, advised.

• Assist Sheriff's office with a disorderly subject, occurred in county.

• Fraud reported in 1300 block of E, Keystone Dr., advised.

• Motorist assist in 300 block of W. Holly Blvd.

• Medical emergencies in 500 block of N. Oak Ridge Road, 600 block of N. Needles Dr., turned over to MED-Star.

• Public assists in 1800 block of W. Frontier St., 100 block of S. Teton Dr., 1300 block of E. Keystone Dr.

• Reckless driver reported at W. Holly Blvd. and Heritage Road, advised.

• Disorderly telephone calls reported in 2700 block of E. Sunburst Dr., advised.

• Check security at all parks.

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of the Sioux Metro Growth Alliance," Fonkert said.

The next president/CEO is poised to design, carry out, manage, and direct economic development related programs deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. The role oversees marketing/public relations, facility/real estate options for business and association development, and member services, and serves as the chief executive officer for SMGA. The president and CEO will report directly to the SMGA Board of Directors for direction, accountability and management of a five-member team.

Interested parties may apply by emailing a cover letter addressed to Jay Buchholz, a resume, and list of references to info@sioux-metro.com.

Fonkert has been named the next deputy commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic Development. He takes over the deputy role from Watertown's Chris Schilken.











Father, 5 sons embark on sideline biz, 605 Engraving

Jill Meier
Journal editor



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The Hansens – Aaron (from left), Mike, Josh, Ryan, and Zach – along with Tyler (not pictured) have embarked on a joint business venture, 605 Engraving. They unveiled the engraving business at the Brandon Farmer's Market on July 22.

They say it takes a village to raise a child.

The same could be said for starting up a new sideline business.

And that's just the approach a Brandon father and his five sons have taken in launching 605 Engraving.

Mike Hansen is the patriarch of the brood. His sons – Aaron, Josh, Ryan, Tyler and Zach – all have a role in the business.

"We think we have enough people, bodies to make this work," said Hansen, who learned about the business venture at a trade show he was at in March for his primary business, NexGen Fluid Power. That business, too, is based in Brandon and specializes in industrial grade fluid power products.

After Hansen inquired about the engraving machine, he sent a text to each of his boys asking if they had an interest in a joint business opportunity.

As luck would have it, "They were all interested," he said.

The Hansen clan launched the business in April and have since been perfecting their craft. The company made its public debut at the July 22 Brandon Farmer's Market, and Mike said they received a great deal of interest in the service.

"A lot of people have stones that they've picked out of their field and want something engraved on it," he said.

605 Engraving has the ability to engrave on concrete, flagstone, Yeti coolers, wood, patios, etc.

"If you have a stone or a piece of concrete that you want your name or something engraved on, we can do that," Mike said.

Game and cutting boards can be engraved on both marble and wood, making for ideal wedding, anniversary, etc. gifts.

"We have all kinds of options," Mike said. "It's just a matter of getting it out there."

The computerized engraving machine can engrave items up to 20-feet by 20-feet.

"It's all hands-on deck," he said. "We all have our own niches of what we do and what we can do, and at this point, it's nights and weekends."

Aaron Hansen said engraving a stome from start to finish will take three to five days.

"We'll pour the stone, get it engraved, stained, painted and varnished," Mike said,

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Brandon VFW Post 4726 lands All-American Post honors under Commander Reimers

Jill Meier
Journal editor


Luke Reimers served as the Commander of Brandon VFW Post 4726 for two years. Under his leadership, the Post garnered All-America Post status for the organization's 2022-23 fiscal year.

Brandonites have long known its Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4726 is one of the best.

And last month, that declaration went national.

Under the guide of Commander Lucus Reimers, Post 4726 landed the esteemed designation as an All-American Post for the organization's fiscal year 2022-23. This isn't the first time that the Post has garnered the recognition, but this time they're among the top 50 Posts in the nation for its membership size, 120-150 members. Reimers said there are about 200 Posts who are in the 120-150 membership division.

"It is all about being a part of something bigger," Reimers said. "Especially these days, it's about doing things for others, and if we continue to do things for others, it gives us a sense of purpose, and it feels good."

To achieve All-American Post status, Post 4726 over the last year supported a spectrum of charities that fall under the Veterans in Military Services "umbrella."

"Being named an All-American Post means we have donated to the proper charities within the VFW," Reimers said. "Every Post is told that they should donate to these different things."

Listed among the charities are the Fallen Heroes Fund and the National Home for Children in Michigan.

While earning All-American Post status, another feather in the local VFW cap is the Post is the only South Dakota Post to be recognized for outstanding community support.

"A large factor of these awards and many like it is simple reporting. As membership participates in the community, we document and report these activities to the state," Reimers said. "For example, you as a member go grocery shopping for someone, shovel the neighbor's driveway because they are unable or teach a class on flag folding, these are reportable events that show we are serving our community."

The All-American Post award also encompasses other community endeavors.

"It's also the things that we do as far as recognizing fire fighters, police officers, teacher of the year, our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs to get children involved in patriotism, that's a huge thing as well," he said. "We want to continue to push patriotism to our community and to our country, because without that, we don't have much."

The award also takes into consideration the Post's membership, which Reimers said, hit 111 percent last year.

"We added quite a few, which puts us in a different (membership) group next year," he explained. "And that's a cool thing, that's really good for us, especially being a smaller Post. We have support and we're doing good things, and that's a great, great thing."

The Post has also been responsible for organizing and carrying out a rite of spring in Brandon: The Loyalty Day Parade. The 2023 parade was the 57th in the event's local history.

"That is a huge thing for us," Reimers said. "Obviously, there are not that many Posts in the state or even in the country that do that."

The Brandon parade has been touted as the organization's No. 1 parade in the state and among the top three in the nation.

In conjunction with the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, they have also taken the lead on Brandon's Parade of Lights, which is held on the evening of Shop Small Saturday (the Saturday after Thanksgiving).

"It's good to say we are a bedroom community, but we are a strong bedroom community and we have a lot of support for that," Reimers said.

An active and supportive Auxiliary enhances the mission of the Post.

"As far as the volunteer hours and money raised, we couldn't do it without them," Reimers assures. "They are the frontline for us as a Post. We, as the Post try to make the building accessible and have the facilities to do things. The Auxiliary are the ones that do so much, bake sales, the veterans' ball, etc. For them to be as active as they are, it makes it so much better for all of us."

Profits from the VFW's lounge and community room rentals are what makes their financial support to local, state and national VFW programs possible.

"Obviously, the community supports us and we are able to donate to those things," said Reimers, who was deployed twice to Iraq and once to Afghanistan in his military career.

He made the choice to join the VFW for a "sense of doing something for something bigger."

"Most members of the military understand that it's not just about them, it's about providing for your brothers and sisters to the left and right of you. At first, I was kind of hesitant. I used to think it was just a bunch of crusty, old guys sitting around the bar drinking beer. But there's a lot of other things that go on behind the scenes that are really awesome, and it's all about helping the community and helping fellow veterans," he said.

After two years serving in the Commander role, Reimers believes Post 4726 remains in good position to repeat the feat under the leadership of Commander Ron Harris.

"We have attained All-State Post recognition the past four years, and I want to say it's been even more than that," Reimers said. "This year, we were in the top 50, and that's a pretty cool thing for Brandon, S.D. We couldn't do it without all of our members. They say this is a Commander's award, but this is an award for the Post. The Commander just gets the credit, and folks in the military understand that the one on top gets the credit for it, but everyone knows that it's everyone, and that's how it happens."

Reimers extends an invitation to the community to step inside the doors of the VFW.

"It's not just for military service members, but also for the community," he said. "We have a great price point on our beverages, we have decent food that we are continually trying to make better, it's just a chill place to be and we're going to stay here for a long time."

The All-American Post award was presented at the organization's national convention last month in Phoenix. Reimers, unfortunately, was unable to attend to accept the award.

"To make it into the top 50, that's a big deal," he said. "As a Post, we had to make sure that we had all of our ducks in a row."

'Purple Heart Recognition Day' is Aug. 7

Governor Kristi Noem has proclaimed Monday, Aug. 7 as "Purple Heart Recognition Day," calling on all South Dakotans to acknowledge and remember the sacrifices made by recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

The Purple Heart, our nation's oldest military medal, is presented to service members who have been wounded or killed as a result of enemy action while serving in the U.S. military. A Purple Heart is a solemn distinction and means a service member has greatly sacrificed themselves, or paid the ultimate price, while in the line of duty.

According to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, more than 1.8 million Purple Heart medals have been presented since 1782.

"Every day, America's service members selflessly put their lives on the line to keep us safe and free," said Greg Whitlock, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs.

SDDVA encourages all South Dakotans to set aside time on Aug. 7 to pay tribute to our heroes who have been honored with the Purple Heart. It is important for Americans to learn the history of this military award and the sacrifices made by the recipients.

"Our military remains as strong today as it has ever been. America's veterans have been defined by the virtues of selfless service, sacrifice, and devotion to duty, These men and women, who serve and have served, are the flesh and blood of American exceptionalism," he said.

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flowering tree, it wasn't an apple tree … There were some branches dying, and Daemon (Coughlin) said to just cut them off. Eventually, we cut off all of the grafting, and so it went back to an apple tree because it was a grafted tree, but we're good with it."

And so are the squirrels who scamper up the tree, pick an apple and then take it to a bench where they eat it.

There are three central circles in the garden, which Lambertz said, symbolizes the trinity.

The first circle is Mary, which is highlighted by hues of pink-colored flowers. Ten rose bushes represent each decade of the rosary.

Jesus is honored in a second circle and is surrounded by purple flowers, which is the color of royalty, Lambertz said.

The final circle is the St. Joseph circle, which is dedicated to all of the Priests and Fathers that have served Risen Savior.

Nestled among the blooms is a fountain that offers a calming trickle of water and is encased by flowers in hues of red, orange and yellow.

Two years ago, the Prayer Garden Ministry Team added the Stations of the Cross.

"You can see them back there amongst the trees where people can walk through and do the stations," Lambertz said.

An evergreen tree lost in last year's derecho left a gaping hole. Lambertz said they plan to fill the empty pace with rocks gathered by Jimmie Fjerestad that will symbolize Calvary Hill and the three crosses, a statue and a bench.

That's one project, however, the Ministry Team, won't be digging into. Instead, an Eagle Scout recently approached Father Young about doing a project for the church, and this is that project.

Nancy Volk is one of about a dozen team members that show up weekly to weed, water and do whatever needs to be keep the garden in all its splendor. She's been coming to help for about five years, and said her reason for doing is, "I love flowers and they lift me up."

Schroeder she was "tricked into coming" because her daughter, Emily, needed a ride and insisted she do so.

"All of a sudden, I can't stand around watching people getting things done and not participate. After a while, I actually bought into the ministry of it, the beauty of the prayer of it, the beauty of God," Schroeder said. "I really wasn't called to serve in this ministry. Those friends that are listed up there are really good friends of mine and I could've joined them at any time, but I waited until the Lord called me."

Bill Schierholz has been a member of the Prayer Garden Ministry Team since its inception.

"I'm a laborer here; that's it. I offer no designing, no nothing," he said, noting it was his wife, Judy, that nudged him.

At last week's hot and humid work night, the Ministry Team tackled putting in a "Back to Eden" style garden, where cardboard that is put down and becomes mulch and kills the grass. In this space is being planted a Veterans Honor Garden, Lambertz said.

"Next year, it will be more developed red, which and blue, and we're going to put up some kind of honor wall where people can put plaques on," she said.

Jennifer Swenson joined the Team two years ago after she was "voluntold by a friend" to join.

"She said, 'Jennifer, this would be great for you.'"

Swenson is the first mto admit that she doesn't have a green thumb.

"I often have to ask Laurie, 'Is this a weed or a flower? Do I pull it or do I leave it?' I'm learning, I am learning. There's still so much that I don't know, but I don't care. It's just beautiful here and I'm outdoors. It's just a beautiful place," she said.

The Ministry Team funds their endeavors with two major fundraisers, a breakfast each spring and a bake sale each fall. They also sell pavers, and receive sponsorships and other donations.

Lambertz said springtime is her favorite season in the garden.

"The humming birds," she says. "I come out here every single day and I just love watching to see what's opening up."

She also waters the plants on a daily basis.

Although the Prayer Garden is located on the Risen Savior grounds, the garden was created for all walks of faith.

"We want the community to come," Lambertz said.

It's evident the community has been enjoying the "fruits of their labor" through the multiple signatures and reflections shared in the Garden's guestbook. Lambertz said there are at least 15 states represented in the book, which is kept inside a mailbox at the garden's entrance.

Lambertz said she pulls the book out often to see who has visited. She's also discovered, although anonymous, that visitors have shared some very personal thoughts in the guestbook.

She points to an entry written last year by someone who had thoughts of committing suicide.

"Last week, somebody had an abortion and they came here because it makes them feel better," Lambertz said.

As summer's heat and humidity combines for uncomfortable conditions, Judy Schierholz said the discomfort is well worth the end reward.

"A lot of times, I'll stop and read in the book what people have shared when they come here. Sometimes you can be out here and you don't see anybody and wonder if it makes a difference. You get a lot of fulfillment from that or sometimes people walk through here and tell you how much they appreciate it," she said.

Initially when the Prayer Garden was planted, Minihan said it was not intended to be a memorial, although there are areas where loved ones are remembered.

"This is a project that never ends, Minihan said, "because a garden is always changing."



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Last week, these members of the Prayer Garden Ministry Team showed up for a work night. They are Jim and Nancy Volk. Emily and Monica Schroeder, Jennifer Swenson, Judy and Bill Schierholz, Harley and Aurora Addengast, Judie Murawski, and Laurie Lambertz. For more photos, visit the photo gallery at brandonvalleyjournal.com.





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Tuntland family gives gratitude for education through sponsorship of historical marker

Jill Meier
Journal editor

When the pioneers began settling here more than 100 years ago, they had three priorities in mind: Faith, family and education.

It was the latter that led to a new historical marker located near where the Brandon 1916 School once stood. The marker, which was made possible by the Tuntland family, was dedicated during Brandon's 50th celebration weekend last month.

"The early pioneers, in 1880 incorporated the township and within five years they built a school," Sharon Tuntland told the crowd.

Tuntland is the wife of Allen Tuntland, a 1958 graduate of Brandon School, and the sister-in-law of Helen Tuntland Jackson, a 1962 graduate, and James, who attended school in Brandon during his elementary and middle school years. Following the passing of Allen and Helen – just 11 days apart – in October 2021 from pancreatic cancer, the family received money intended to be a memorial for the Brandon Historical Society.

"So, we thought, this is great, and had in our minds, a picture of this two-story building and these wonderful displays, and thought, 'We'll add to this glorious display that you have.' We found out that wasn't the case. There was no building. It had been here and it had the display of historical items from 2005 to 2015. They had the first floor and the bats had the second floor, and by 2017, the powers that be decided that they needed to condemn the building and took it down."

The family contacted Howard Brown, treasurer, and Jeremy Risty, president of the Historical Society, to find a way the memorial money could enhance the mission.

"They gave us an honest answer and said, 'Our biggest expense is storage,'" Tuntland shared.

The family, however, wanted to give something more visible. They purchased some display cases for the Museum along Pipestone Street, but still had money yet to send, hence the 1916 Brandon School marker.

Brown told the crowd that the bricks that make up the base of the historical marker are from the 1916 school.

"I took a bunch of them – borrowed them – I'm bring them back," he joked.

Also included on the base is the original marker, which was salvaged from the 1916 building.

"Although Brandon was incorporated as a city 50 years ago last month, Brandon's incorporation as a township was much longer. The residents of Brandon – about 80 – decided that a more substantial consolidated structure was needed. They gathered some funds, passed some bonds and built the 1916 building," Risty explained.

He went on to tell the crowd that "Education was, is and always will be an important part of the Brandon community and the Brandon Valley School District overall."

"In fact, there were lots and lots and lots of little schools throughout the area for the pioneers. As correctly pointed out, one of the first things when more than a handful of settlers would gather is they would take up a collection and would build family schools that three or four or five families would donate to and send their kids to. Eventually, as Brandon started to grow, that eventually led to the 1916 building," he said. "Let's be honest, schools are the center of any community, especially in smaller towns like in South Dakota, they become the home, the heartbeat of the community. Everything revolves around that, and this was no different."

The Brandon Valley School District continued to use the 1916 school to the 1980s.

"The oldest part of the Brandon Valley School District – although it's not original – is just on the other side of this wall and that's the old wood gym, as we like to refer to it as. If you've ever seen the movie, "Hoosiers," it's just like that," complete with wooden platform bleachers.

The building fell into disrepair and was razed on its 100th anniversary in 2016.

On behalf of the Tuntland family, Sharon said they are pleased to have provided "the funds for this legacy that will be here for generations, to honor this place where Allen, Helen and James went to school. Not only did they learn basic skills, subject matter – reading, writing, arithmetic – but they learned basic values, which maybe was even more important. Honesty, hard work, dependability, kindness, generosity came from this very school and the wonderful teachers."

She also recognized Jack Lauer, who taught and guided the school as its principal during Allen and Helen's time in school.

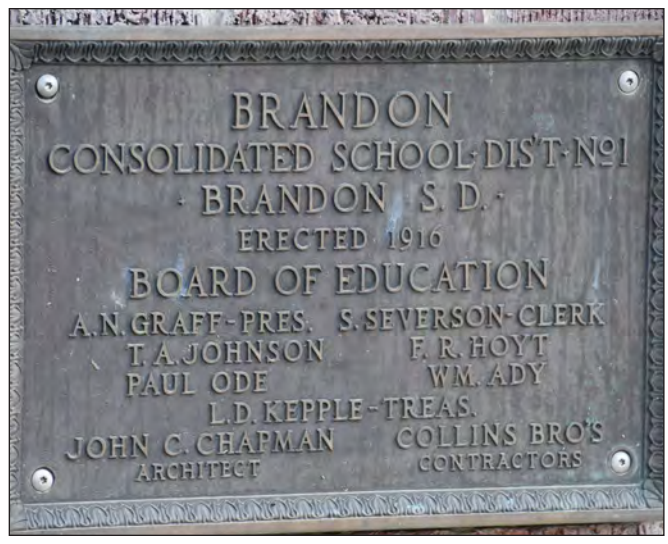
"They had such high regard for your because you epitomize excellence and you made sure that excellence was important to the students," she said. "I also want to say that the town of Brandon should be congratulated, because they've always supported the students, whether it was going to the basketball and football games on Tuesday and Friday nights, whether it was raising the taxes because the school board said, 'We're growing, we need more classrooms.'"



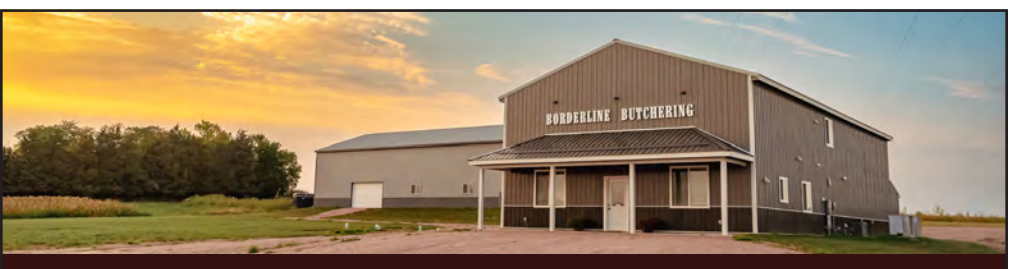
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In memory of siblings, Allen, Helen and James Tuntland, the family donated memorial money to the Brandon Historical Society that was used to purchase display cases and fund the 1916 Brandon School historical marker. (Below, left) Jack Lauer (left) taught and served as principal at the school. (Below) The historical marker.









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'It would blow you away'

BVHS grads crisscross the country competing in drumline

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>
> **- Carson McKellep**
> Member of Blue Devils drum corps

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BVHS 2023 graduate Isaiah Peters has been traveling the U.S. with the Phantom Regiment.

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

For four Brandon Valley grads, the summer of 2023 has brought excitement, travel, long hours and an experience they'll likely never forget.

Nate Holm, Carson Johnke, Carson McKellep and Isaiah Peters are all participating in world class drumlines this summer, culminating in the Drum Corps International Finals in Indianapolis on Aug. 12.

Although there is indeed excitement to perform in front of large crowds and travel the country while doing it, it also comes with a grind. If the drumlines aren't competing, they're putting in 12- to 14-hour days rehearsing. Once every two weeks, they get a three- or four-block of down time.

"You kind of know what you're signing yourself up for. I knew it was going to be long, hot days," McKellep said. "It's probably a little more mentally taxing just because you're holding yourself to the highest standard all day long, every day."

Holm and McKellep are part of the Blue Devils based out of California. It's a top-notch group that went the entire summer of 2022 undefeated in their competitions capped by a world championship crown in Indianapolis.

It's a title the group would obviously like to defend, and they're off to a good start having gone undefeated so far this summer. Having those high expectations is what drives Holm and McKellep.

"It's definitely stressful – always holding yourself to be the best and knowing everyone else out there wants to beat you," said Holm, who was part of last year's world championship Blue Devils team. "But I don't know about pressure. It was weird last year on Finals day, the biggest show of the year and we had to leave it all out on the field. I didn't feel too much pressure because we'd done it so many times. I was just going and doing this thing one more time and trying to have fun."

Fun, no doubt. But the long hours of marching and

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wielding a 40-pound drum around all day takes its toll. Holm is 21 years old and in his fourth summer of competing. This is his age-out summer, meaning he'll be too old to participate next summer.

"It's a lot. I'm starting to think that it's a good thing that there's an age-out limit because after this year my body might be tired and over it," he said. "It's pretty physically demanding. Just every single day. Always rehearsing, always on our feet, moving around the field. It's just constant wear and tear on your back, your knees."



For Peters, it's a whirlwind that came almost immediately after graduating from Brandon Valley earlier this year. The 18-year old graduated on May 14 and left to join his Phantom Regiment team based out of Rockford, Ill., just five days later.

He's now seeing parts of the country that many people will never see, and he said he appreciates that opportunity.

"It's pretty crazy to think about, especially being able to perform while I'm doing it," he said. "It's not just a random trip I'm going on."

Johnke is a 20-year old nursing student at South Dakota State University. As part of the Madison Scouts drumline out of Wisconsin this summer, he said he'd like to do it again in 2024, but school and potential nursing internships could prevent him from doing so.

Following the DCI championships in Indianapolis, Johnke will drive back on Aug. 14 and will start school in Brookings on Aug. 22.

That makes for a short summer, but at the very least, Johnke said, his drumline experience of 2023 has broadened his horizons.

"It's a great time. It's something I love to do," he said. "You get to meet 150 or so people. We have people from all around the country and it's fun building relationships with different people."

Being part of the drumline world also brings some fame. Although the drumline community may not be as large as other extracurriculars, it certainly has its fan base. At one stop this summer, the Blue Devils' baseline that includes Holm and 19-year old McKellep were swarmed with admiring fans who wanted to get photos with them.



Submitted photos

Carson McKellep (above, left) and Nate Holm are members of the Blue Devils drum corps. Carson Johnke (at left) is competing with the Madison Scouts drum line this summer.

"It's the most insane experience ever," McKellep said. "There was a group of girls literally screaming like they had met their favorite singer. It was just the coolest experience. Although you get to go out every night and perform and compete, you also get to inspire others and put a work of art out on the field."

Each event is broadcast online at Flomarching.com and the parents of all four Brandon Valley grads are glued to it.

They also hit the road when they can to see their sons, and witness the show live.

"It would blow you away," said Kathy Johnke, who traveled to see Carson and the Madison Scouts perform live earlier this year. "There's just no comparison to watching it live. Truly, the level of talent in all these musicians, the professionalism, how they work, how they rehearse, it's next-level."

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Co-op's REVIVE 2030 program energizing towns it serves

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Sioux Valley Energy General Manager and CEO Tim McCarthy has fond memories of the small Illinois town where he grew up. But, to his dismay, the area is now a shadow of its former self.

"I could have just cried driving through the town because it's lost all sense of identity," McCarthy said of a recent trip to visit his mother. "People used to keep their properties up, and it was a nice little place to grow up, and now it's a ghost town…the town is generally unkept and it pains me to see that."

That's the scenario Sioux Valley Energy is working to avoid in its rural communities through its REVIVE 2030 program. The Colman, S.D.-based co-op is using REVIVE 2030 as a vehicle to partner with communities in South Dakota and Minnesota to spark growth through economic and community development projects.

While Sioux Valley Energy has a rich history of being active in economic development and community engagement, REVIVE 2030 was developed after the co-op's directors incorporated those goals as part of the strategic plan.

After a pandemic pause, the co-op held two community input sessions in late 2021 and early 2022 guided by outside facilitators with an array of local stakeholders. The co-op learned something surprising: Communities didn't necessarily want cash.

"The feedback was clear," said Carrie Vugteveen, Sioux Valley Energy's vice president of public relations. "Communities needed 'boots on the ground' assistance, someone with knowledge of how economic development works, and who can actually be out in the communities."



Photo courtesy of Sioux Valley Energy
Sioux Valley Energy's Brandon Lane addresses the Colton Economic Development Group.

Based on that feedback, Sioux Valley Energy decided to expand its community and economic development team. Today, Brandon Lane, an economic development professional, and Jay Buchholz, already active in co-op community relations, meet regularly with elected officials, planners, business owners and other stakeholders in seven counties in the two states.

"Sometimes people aren't always sure what's available to them, or how to get to and utilize those resources," said Lane, who sometimes logs hundreds of miles during the week visiting different communities. "We're there to help them uncover what their community wants for a better quality of life, and we'll help them fill the voids."

While the participating towns differ in size and makeup, Lane and Buchholz identified three common areas of concern: lack of workforce housing, day care and water access.

REVIVE 2030 is currently helping communities in Rock County, Minnesota, find creative solutions, such as acquiring land for a small business strip and funding for day care centers. Calling themselves "Rock Strong"—a moniker coined by the co-op—stakeholders meet quarterly in sessions facilitated by Lane, who brings in state and federal experts. Through REVIVE 2030, the Rock Strong group receives assistance with promotional materials, planning and meal sponsorship for its meetings.

"From the very get-go, Sioux Valley stressed they want this to be a partnership," Rock County Administrator Kyle Oldre said. "They're exposing us to different resources and different ideas, and they're with us every step of the way. Honestly, I don't think they take enough credit for what they're doing."

In Colton, South Dakota, stakeholders are leveraging a $15,000 inaugural investment from REVIVE 2030 to help the newly formed Colton Economic Development Group finance several projects, including a 70-acre, 49-home housing development and nighttime lighting for local baseball games to attract families, said Colton Mayor Trevor Bunde.

"Sioux Valley members should be really proud they are part of an electric co-op that makes investments into communities like this," Bunde said.

Progress is incremental, as many economic development experts know, but that "shock" that Bunde was seeking to energize the community is happening. "I see our potential," he said. "And it feels good to have someone like Sioux Valley behind you."

Victoria A. Rocha is a staff writer for NRECA.

Steffel finds hidden Wild Game Feed medallion to claim $500 cash prize

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Nita Steffel knows exactly what she's going to do with the $500 prize money that she scored by finding a medallion hidden by the Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed crew.

It will be the seed money for her recently-engaged daughter's future wedding.

Steffel found the medallion in Aspen Park late Thursday afternoon, which proved to be one of the hottest days of summer to date. It was hidden near the base of a light pole near Field E.

Steffel said she initially began hunting at the schools.

"Thinking 'where kids play,'" she said.

She scoured the grounds at Brandon Valley Middle School and came up empty. She headed next to the high school, looking around the stadium and band practice areas.

And again, nothing.

"After the rain died down, I went back out again and my son and I went down to McHardy Park and we looked and we looked and we looked, and I'm like, 'Well, it's getting dark, we need to get home,' so we gave up," she shared.

It was the week 2 clue that steered her to Aspen Park. Following an appointment, Steffel said she "scooted over there and everybody was over by the pool, so I went over by the baseball fields and there was not a soul over there."

Steffel said she snooped around the entrance, dug in the dirt by the memorial rock and wooden sign at the park entrance, but again, came up empty.

She also searched around the playground equipment, the benches that surround it and the concession stand.

"Then I thought, there's a lot of fields here, we'll just start with this one. I went to the bleachers and I was looking up underneath the bleachers, because there are braces where it could be sitting. So, I looked at those, looked at the dugouts, looked high, looked low and then went onto the second one, when I was between (fields) E and F, and thought, 'Where are you?'"

Then, she spied the light pole and thought, 'There's a space between there, just go look.'

"I looked and I didn't see anything, and then I got down on my hands and knees and thought, what is that, because there was dirt all over it. I reached in there, dusted it off and (silently celebrated) because there was nobody there (to celebrate with)," she shared.

The Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed is a non-profit organization that stages a wild game feed every year on the Saturday night before the Super Bowl at the Brandon VFW. Along with the game feed are silent and live auctions, raffles and more.

The group will also be hosting their second annual "30 Guns in 30 Minutes" raffle. Ticket sales will begin soon and the raffle drawings for "30 Guns in 30 Minutes" is planned for Friday, Sept. 22 at the Brandon VFW. A fish fry will also be held that same night prior to the raffle drawings.

Money raised from these events goes to children and adults in the Brandon area with cancer and other life-altering illnesses and events.



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Nita Steffel was the lucky sleuth to find the commemorative Brandon 50th/Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed medallion, which she found in Aspen Park on Thursday, July 27.

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Brandon resident introduces Krav Maga martial arts techniques via Rapid Fitness classes

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

Brandon resident Matt Grimme spoke last week at the Chamber of Commerce's On the Menu event about his business, Krav Maga Force South Dakota.

Getting out in front of potential customers is likely a good plan given the uniqueness of his offering.

Formed in 2010, Krav Maga is a form of martial arts, and also fairly new to South Dakota. Similar to karate, jiu-jitsu, and taekwondo, Krav Maga is designed to teach how to avoid, prevent, address and defend against any violent confrontation.

Although somewhat of an unknown in South Dakota, Grimme does have a client list that trains three times a week at Rapid Fitness in Brandon. Krav Maga translates to 'contact combat' in Hebrew, and Grimme said it's been his choice of martial arts.

The Pierre native moved to Colorado and moved back to South Dakota just before the COVID-19 pandemic put its grips on every community. Opening a martial arts training business was obviously a difficult one given all of the close-contact restrictions. But Grimme took the leap and opened his business out of his garage in 2020.



Tom A. Savage/BV Journal

Matthew Grimme leads a Krav Maga martial arts class at Rapid Fitness in Brandon on July 31. Krav Maga is a form of martial arts, and also fairly new here. It is designed to teach how to avoid, prevent, address and defend against any violent confrontation.

"I was able to stay above water even during COVID," he said. "That was certainly a challenge to start a new program during that time period. But I was able to survive."

Since that humble beginning, Grimme moved Krav Maga Force South Dakota to Circuit Fitness for two years before finding his new home at Rapid Fitness in January.

He's been active in Krav Maga for 10 years, teaching it for seven. Over the past several years, he's also been active in Brazilian jiu-jitsu, karate, taekwondo and boxing.

"But Krav Maga has been my primary focus," the 34-year old said. "I was first introduced to it in Colorado, and I enjoyed the people I trained with and the techniques and mindset that we were working on."

That mindset is what won Grimme over. The principle behind Krav Maga is "what you learn today, you can use tonight." The Krav Maga Force System is used by U.S. and Canadian law enforcement, military, and security agencies and has over 400 black belt Instructors teaching around the world in the civilian sector.

"What makes Krav Maga special from other martial arts is our mindset for survival and talking about situations," Grimme said. "You can have the best technique in the world, but if you have a bad mindset about getting yourself into tough positions or trying to do something that just isn't right for that situation, it's going to cause you more problems than if you just have a better head on your shoulders."

Grimme said the business has grown in Brandon through word-of-mouth and Facebook advertising. The visit to the On the Menu event at the Chamber last week was also a chance to spread the word.

"I'm willing to take any opportunity to talk about it and get it out there," Grimme said.

The big digger



Mike Erickson and his two grandsons, Caden Plumbtree and Landon Anderson, observed the beginning stage of the reconstruction of East Cedar Street on Friday morning. Erickson has a wealth of knowledge of construction equipment having worked as a diesel mechnanic for 45 years.

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SD Labor Dept. offering Workforce Knowledge

Staff report

PIERRE – The Department of Labor and Regulation is offering the next free Workforce Knowledge Series for businesses and organizations. The online summer session on Labor Market Information will be Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 11:30 a.m. CDT via Microsoft Teams.

"The session will cover the labor force data most widely used by employers and how to easily find it online," said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. "This can be an essential resource to use in recruitment and retention efforts."

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Sports

A month later, Kofoid reflects on missing out on $250K

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

It's been a little over a month since Buddy Kofoid saw a shot at $250,000 disappear in a jarring flash of fire and puff of smoke at Huset's Speedway.

Kofoid led the first 30 laps of the 40-lap Huset's High Bank Nationals finale with a quarter million dollars waiting for him in Victory Lane.

But as Kofoid led the field with 10 laps to go, his engine expired as he entered Turn 1. Kofoid lifted off the throttle as smoke filled the air. As he coasted down the backstretch, the power plant violently let go as a belching flame engulfed the car.

He was uninjured physically, but no doubt the thought of missing out on the highest payday in World of Outlaws history was gut-wrenching. He officially finished 21st, which paid $5,000.

The hiccup with 10 laps to go cost him $245,000.

Even more frustrating for Kofoid is that he'd had a strong week at Huset's and was a clear favorite to win Saturday's big payday. He led the feature event on Thursday, and finished second on Friday. He started on the pole position in Saturday's event and led every lap before the engine expired.

"I didn't know what to feel for a while," the 21-year old Californian said after he climbed out of his broken machine. "Then later on when we left and were driving home, I kept seeing stuff pop up so it kept reminding me of it."

Although Kofoid doesn't believe it had anything to do with the engine failure, the Roth Motorsports team dodged a potential letdown earlier in the race. Kofoid said a piece of mud went through the air cleaner at about lap 20 and blew a hole in it.

"The motor went down and I could feel it lay down for a second, and then it picked right back up," he said. "I think it burned all the mud off. But I think that was just coincidental."

Perhaps it was some foreshadowing for what was to come just laps later.

After the race was over, the team loaded up and drove back to Knoxville, Iowa. Kofoid said he didn't get to sleep until around 6:30 Sunday morning. It was a sinking feeling, he said, knowing he was 10 laps from winning the largest prize he's ever raced for.

He played it over, and over in his head.

"I could feel it just passed the flag stand and then it got progressively worse going into (Turn) 1," he said. "Pretty much let off in the center of 1 and 2 and I already knew. It happened pretty quick."

No doubt a bad memory, but Kofoid said he'll be back in 2024 to take another crack at the High Bank Nationals, scheduled for June 19-22. He had the field covered this year, and was in contention to win it in 2022 but was passed on the final lap by Sheldon Haudenschild who won the event to take home the $100,000 prize.

The High Banks is a unique World of Outlaws event as the three qualifying nights Wednesday-Friday are all exactly the same format where teams and

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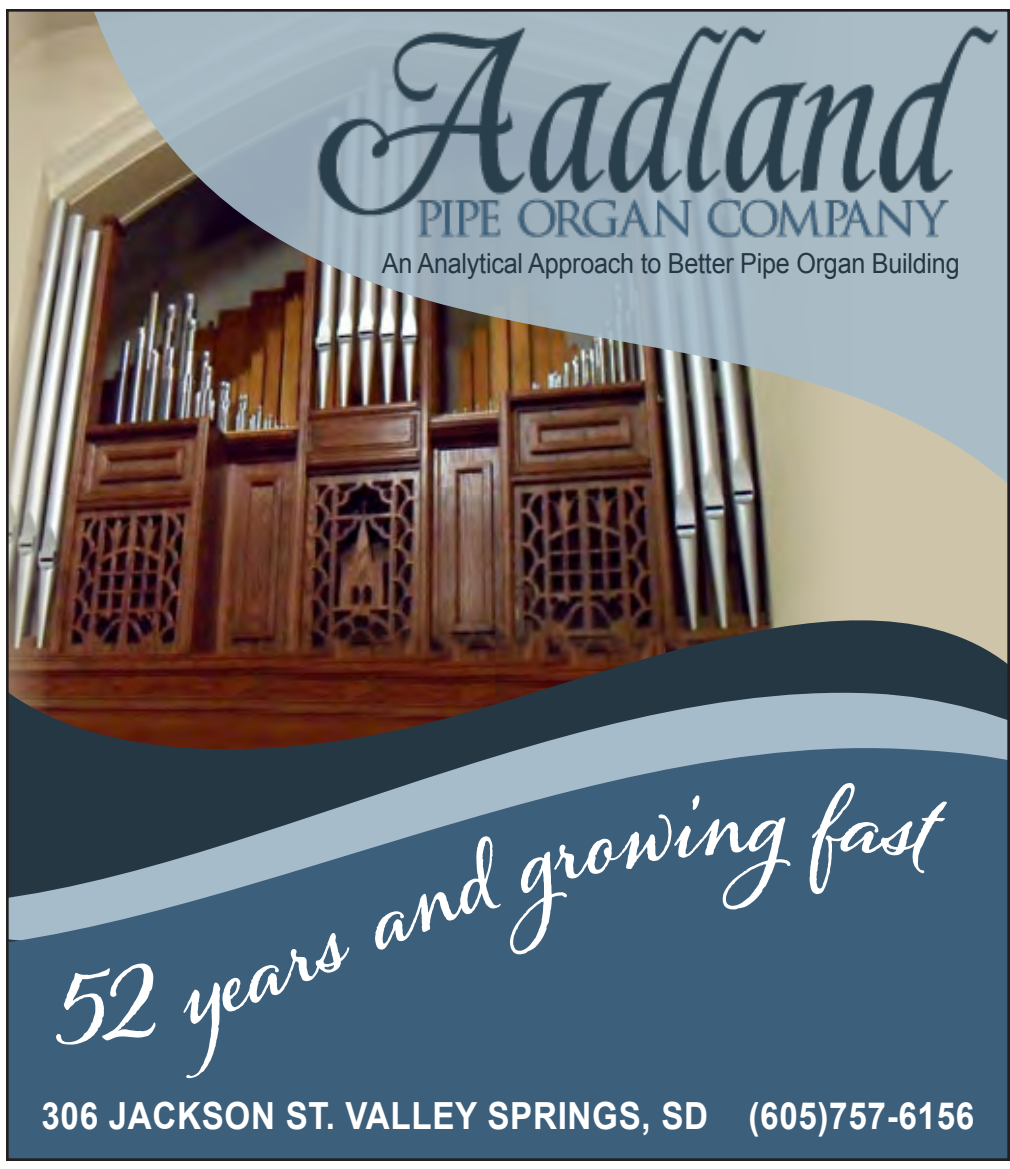




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Buddy Kofoid watches racing from the infield at Huset's Speedway on Saturday, June 24 during the High Bank Nationals. (At left) Kofoid's engine expires while leading with 10 laps to go in the $250,000-to-win High Bank Nationals on Saturday, June 24.







'It's a chess game'

Lynx football moms learn ins, outs of the game their kids play from the 'big boys' who coach them

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

Football fans could be forgiven if they didn't quite understand everything that goes into executing a football play, both offensively and defensively.

A quarterback in the huddle might call something like this:

'Far west right slot X, short 200 jet smoke, X choice.'

There's so many other mind-boggling variations that could tongue-tie a master wordsmith.

Or the fact that in football, there is a position called 'tackle' both on the offensive and defensive side of the ball. 'Tackle' in that reference, is a noun. However, 'tackle' is also a verb when a player executes it on another player.

Or the fact that there's a defensive position called a 'safety.' That term is also used for a two-point scoring play on defense.

Although from the stands it may look like a bunch of guys running, passing and tackling, the amount of attention and detail is head-scratching once you dig a little deeper.

That's why for the second year in a row, the Brandon Valley football coaching staff last week hosted moms of the Lynx football program so they can understand the game on a deeper level.

"It's unfortunate that the people who care the most, know the least," head coach Matt Christensen said.





Brandon Valley mom Jessica Garry asks a question, which erupts into laughter during a special event on July 26 at Brandon Valley High School to help educate moms on the game of football.

About 50 moms started in the Brandon Valley weight room on Wednesday, and then were divided up into classrooms where they met with the position coaches for whom their sons played.

There were varying degrees of knowledge of the game scattered amongst the moms, but clearly the depth and detail took some by surprise. Perplexed looks stared at white boards in almost every room.

"Everytime you pick up new information and you learn things about the season that spurs more questions," said Jessica Garry, whose son Caleb plays linebacker for the Lynx. "Being with the position coaches is great. It's so helpful to understand what's going on."

It takes months, even years, to master and understand all of the complexities that go into play-calling, schemes, and approaches to the game. Christensen said he understands that, but likes to make the offer to the Lynx moms to help build that community.

"It's an extremely fun night knowing that we have that support. We need it," Christensen said. "It's especially fun to get on the same page a little bit. Not fully, but a little bit. We are for the same cause – it always goes better when people are informed."



Tom A. Savage/BV Journal

Brandon Valley defensive coach Jeremy Risty speaks to a group of moms on July 26 at Brandon Valley High School.

Several NFL teams do the same thing for fans of the game who don't necessarily know the complexities of it. Christensen said the new Netflix series, *Quarterback*, is a great place to get a taste of what it takes from that position.

He said he'd love to see a similar show for every position on the field.

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Sports

Love of the Game Camp draws oodles of kids to 'love the game'





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Led by the Nelson family and Brandon Valley head boy's basketball coach Criag Nelson, Love of the Game Camp drew 224 youth basketball players to the four-day camp to perfect their game skills. Nelson recruits other coaches and high school players in carrying out age appropriate fundamental skills. For more photos, visit the photo gallery at brandonvalleyjournal.com





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Renner rallies to score 4 in bottom of 9th to end Rats season

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Seeking their first state amateur baseball tournament appearance since 2020, the Valley Rats suffered a gut-punch Saturday night at First National Bank Field in Brandon.

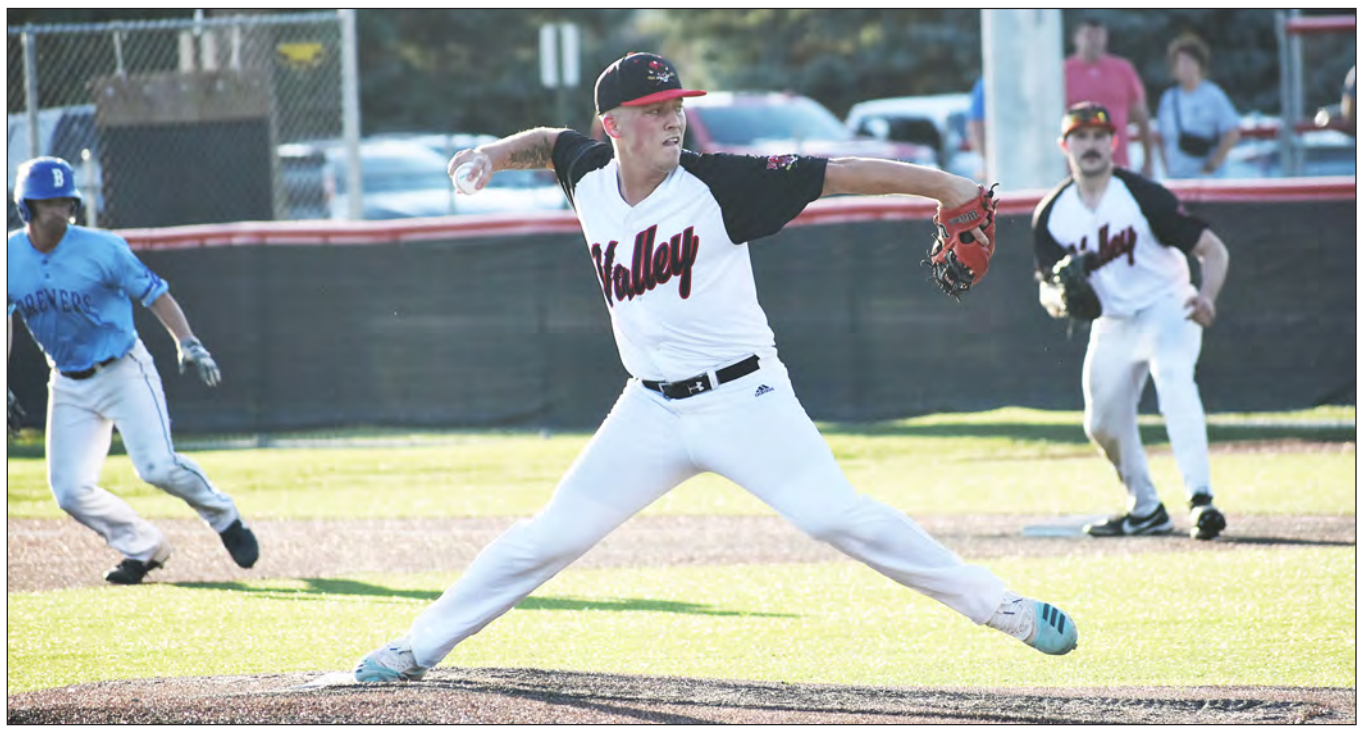
Facing elimination, the Rats and Renner Monarchs hammered away at the ball, combining for 36 hits.

Up 14-11 heading into the bottom of the ninth, the Valley Rats gave up four runs and were eliminated in district play for the third straight year.

"Momentum was 100 percent our way going into the ninth," Rats manager Josh Mulder said. "We felt confident, but unfortunately it didn't pan out."

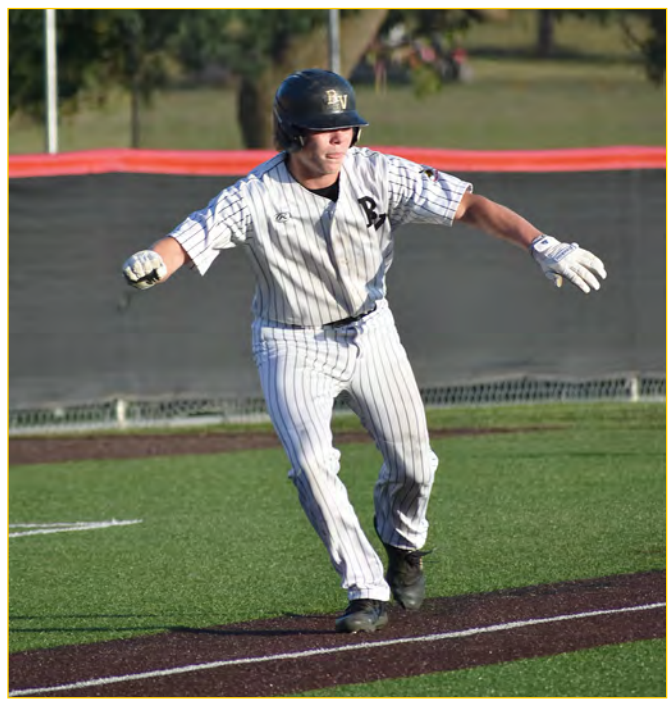
The Rats actually fell behind 5-0 after three innings before mounting a massive comeback. They scored three runs in the fourth, and five times in the fifth and sixth innings each. After scoring once more in the top of the ninth, the three-run lead looked comfortable.

The post-season run by the Rats was aided by three Legion players who made the step up to the amateur level after they were eliminated from their season two weeks ago. Daniel Buteyn, Dawson Mork and Aiden Zerr all played significant roles in the Rats' three district games.



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Carson Askdal (above) pitches for the Rats against the Sioux Falls Brewers on July 27, which was the opening round of the Class A district tournament. Leading off third base, Dawson Mork (at right) wears his Post 131 Legion uniform as competes for the Rats.



Buteyn was 2-for-4 with 3 RBI in the loss to Renner on Saturday. He's headed to Dordt University this fall to play baseball for the Defenders.

"It was a different feeling," Buteyn said of playing at the amateur level. "I'm used to going up against kids my age. Going up there and knowing the pitcher is 30, it's kind of a weird feeling. But when I'm in the game, I don't really notice because I'm just playing baseball. I've done it for a long time and it's the same thing."

Buteyn was 4-for-12 from the plate in the three playoff games. Dakota State-bound Mork also swung a hot bat for the Rats, finishing the three-game set going 4-for-11 with 3 RBI.

"Most of those dudes that were throwing for them were almost like a Legion player, maybe a bit higher," Mork said. "Some sat around that 82-83 (mph) range, which for me is a prime hitting speed. I was able to jump on that."

Zerr was 1-for-4 with an RBI in Valley's 17-6 win over Vermillion on Saturday afternoon. He also started the Renner game on the mound, giving up nine hits with a strikeout in three innings pitched.

That's no doubt a monumental hurdle for a 16-year-old to face college baseball players and older.

"That's a very difficult position for him to be in," Mulder said of putting the soon-to-be-junior in high school on the mound in such a pivotal game. "There's no fault there. We had the opportunity to win the game."

The Rats finish the season with a record of 5-10, losing eight of their final nine games. There were also times during the season where fielding nine players became a chore. Having the punch from the Legion players in the playoffs obviously made an impact.

"They didn't have a great ending to their season either," Mulder said of the

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Sports

Shake up in championship points as 2023 season nears finish line at Huset's Speedway

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Sunday at Huset's Speedway came with some twists and turns in regards to the championship points battle in the two Sprint Car classes.

The night's final event offered up the biggest shake-up as RaceSaver Sprint Car points leader Cole Vanderheiden entered the feature with a three-point lead over Trevor Serbus. But an opening-lap crash took Vanderheiden out of competition, opening the door for Serbus to take over the points lead.

However, several laps later, Serbus suffered damage to his car after contact with the wall, eliminating him from competition.

Lee Goos Jr., entered the race in third place, 14 points behind Vanderheiden in the championship points battle. The Hartford, S.D., resident started 16th and finished sixth on Sunday night, bunching up the top of the RaceSaver point standings with one race to go.

The season championship for the RaceSaver Sprint Cars is Sunday, Aug. 27 and the track title is as tight as ever with Vanderheiden holding a one-point lead over Serbus and Goos Jr. Valley Springs resident Blaine Stegenga sits just seven points back in fourth place.

While championship points scenarios were going on behind him, Jack Dover started on the pole Sunday and cruised to his fifth career win at Huset's, his first in a RaceSaver Sprint Car.

"We went out for hot laps and the car wasn't running right," Dover said from Victory Lane. "We thought we had engine gremlins. We went through the whole fuel system, found something and fixed it. She ran strong the rest of the night."



Photo courtesy of Tylan Porath

Jack Dover celebrates in Victory Lane after the RaceSaver Sprint Car feature Sunday night at Huset's Speedway.

Tatnell retakes points lead in 410 Sprint Cars - Defending champion Brooke Tatnell finished second on Sunday night and reclaimed the championship points lead over Mark Dobmeier in the 410 Sprint Car class. Dobmeier finished eighth, and with three races remaining on the 410 Sprint Car schedule, Tatnell now enjoys a three-point lead.

Although nice to regain the top-spot, it was a difficult night for Tatnell after starting on the front row. He led the first 24 laps of the 25-lap event before being passed by Chase Randall at the start/finish line as the white flag flew.

"It still sucks," Tatnell said from the podium when told the second-place finish was a big night for the team in the championship points battle. "I'll worry about the points at the end of the championship. Anything can happen between now and then. This is about wins. This team deserves better than what I just gave them."

Randall got close to Tatnell several times throughout the waning laps. A yellow flag with nine to go and four to go

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Sports

BV's Sturgeon receives nod for girls' track COY

Staff report

When you lead a state title-contending track and field team for seasons on end, folks are going to take notice.

And that's exactly what led to Troy Sturgeon's nomination for the 2023 South Dakota National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year award.

Sturgeon, the long-time head coach of Brandon Valley High's girls and boys track and field program, was a finalist for the Girls' Track and Field Coach of the Year.

To be considered for the award, a nominee has been determined to have outstanding coaching longevity and win-loss record, championship years, awards received and service to the coaching profession and the State of South

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Pictured are the South Dakota National High School Athletic Coach of the Year finalists, from left, row one: Merle Ask, Aberdeen Central High School, soccer; Bill Vincent, Sioux Valley High School, boys' basketball; Todd Thorson, Ipswich High School, girls' cross country; and Cindee Mutchelknaus, Menno High School, assistant in girls' sports; row two: Jeff VanLeur, Bridgewater-Emery High School, football; Joey Struwe, Sioux Falls Lincoln High School in Athletic Administration; Don Barnes, O'Gorman High School in tennis (Barnes was selected as the National Tennis Coach of the Year); Tom McGough, Miller High School, boys' cross country; **Troy Sturgeon**, Brandon Valley High School, girls' track & field; Kirk Hogen, Vermillion High School, golf; and John Donovan, Chamberlain High School, wrestling.

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continued to bunch the field.

The win was Randall's third of the season in the 410 Sprint Cars. He's the only driver in that class to have multiple victories in 2023.

"Luckily. I could kind of move around and find something that could work better," Randall said. "Everytime I'd get close, I'd make a mistake or a yellow would come out."

Olivier continues LMSS points lead - Sioux Falls' Zach Olivier has held the top spot for the entire season in the Late Model Street Stock division. The defending track champion continues to own that spot after an eighth place finish Sunday night. His lead is 12 points over Madison's Matt Steuerwald and 16 over Parker's J.J. Zebell with two LMSS races remaining on the 2023 schedule.

Cory Yeigh of Sioux Falls won Sunday's feature event, his 19th at Huset's. He's got four feature wins this season at I-90 Speedway in Hartford, but Sunday was his first at Huset's in 2023.

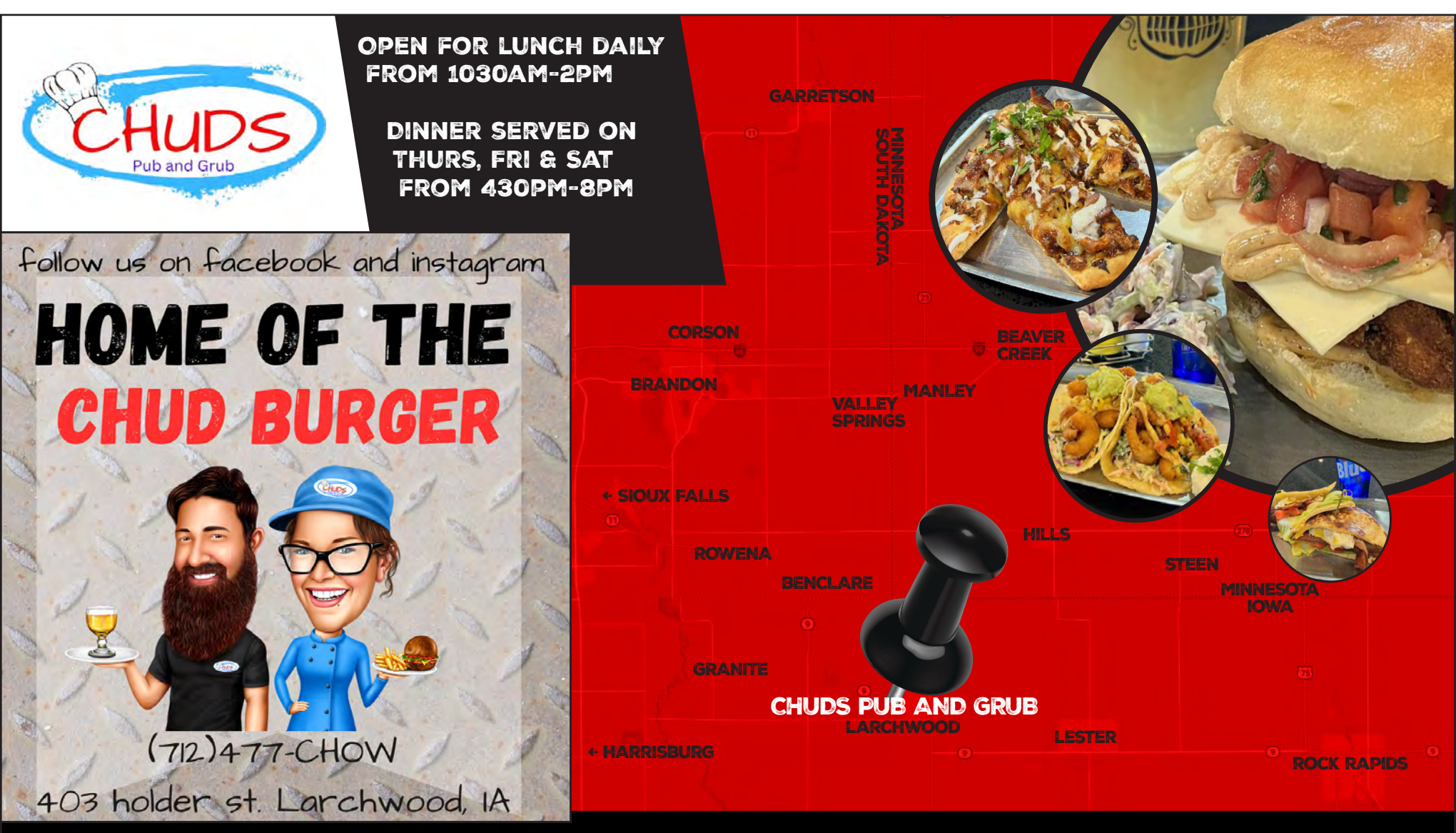
Yeigh and Steuerwald were side-by-side for much of the race. With three to go, they were bumper-to-bumper down the front stretch. On the final lap, the lapped car of Derrick Nordstrom spun in front of the leaders in Turn 1. Both were able to avoid a mishap and Yeigh cruised to the win after the restart.

"I almost forgot how to get here. It's been a while," Yeigh said in his Victory Lane address. "That was fun racing with Matt. That was awesome."

Just three races remain on the 2023 Huset's calendar. The 410 Sprint Cars, RaceSaver Sprint Cars and LMSS classes will be back on Sunday, Aug. 27. The season finale is scheduled for Sept. 2-3 with 410 Sprint Cars and MSTS 360 Sprint Cars battling in the annual Bull Haulers Brawl.







Coach Sturgeon

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Dakota athletes.

Over the past three seasons, the Lady Lynx have finished in the runner-up position twice and shared theClass AA title with O'Gorman in 2021.

Other finalists from South Dakota were Jeff VanLeur of Bridgewater-Emery High School in Football, Joey Struwe of Sioux Falls Lincoln High School in Athletic Administration, Tom McGough of Miller High School in Boys' Cross Country, Troy Sturgeon of Brandon Valley High School in Girls' Track & Field, Kirk Hogen of Vermillion High School in Golf, and John Donovan of Chamberlain High School in Wrestling, Merle Ask of Aberdeen Central High School in Soccer, Bill Vincent of Sioux Valley High School in Boys' Basketball, Todd Thorson of Ipswich High School in Girls' Cross Country, and Cindee Mutchelknaus of Menno High School in Assistant in Girls' Sports.

Also inducted into the 2023 NHSACA Hall of Fame were Ken Bruckner of Menno and Doc Michel of Black Hawk. Ruth Rehn of Greeley, Colo., was selected as the Kathy Holloway Woman of Inspiration Award recipient and Virg Polak of Watertown received the NHSACA Distinguished Service Award.

Rosscoe's Corn Cob Open shares the wealth





Submitted photos

As the 2023 Rosscoe's Corn Cob Open golf tournament nears, organizer Deb Schneiderman shared the wealth from the 2022 event with two Brandon Valley youth sports organizations. Both the Brandon Valley Baseball Association and the Brandon Valley Hockey Association were each gifted $500. The golf tournament is held in memory of her husband, Ross Schneiderman "Ross was always invested in Brandon's youth, whether baseball or football, etc.," Deb shared. The 2023 Rosscoe Corn Cob Open is set for a 3 p.m. shotgun start on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at the Brandon Golf Course. "It's a fun time and helps our youth programs in Brandon," she said. Accepting the donations from Schneiderman on behalf of the BVHA is Lynette Coolidge (above, left), secretary, and on behalf of the BVBA is Stuart Peschel, president.

SDHSAA signs contract for help finding corporate sponsors

Dana Hess
For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — The South Dakota High School Activities Association is going to get some help growing and managing its corporate partnerships. At its July 25 meeting, the SDHSAA board of directors approved a 10-year contract with Teall Properties Group of North Carolina.

According to SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos, the company specializes in helping high school activities associations attract corporate partners. Swartos has been overseeing corporate partners, but he told the board that he has no marketing experience. "I'm not an expert."

SDHSAA currently takes in $560,000 from corporate sponsors that include Farmers Union Insurance, U.S. Army National Guard, Billion Auto, Dakotah Bank, Sanford Health, S.D. Public Broadcasting, Fine Designs and Baden. Some offer annual funding while others make their contributions through goods or services.

Swartos said the funding goes toward paying for catastrophic insurance policies for all member schools as well as paying rent and fees for some facilities that are used for state tournaments.

The agreement with Teall guarantees $560,000 to the association and adds a minimum of $10,000 a year through the life of the contract. As Teall attracts more corporate sponsors, that money will be split with the association.

Swartos said that the contract is for 10 years because the first years won't be lucrative for Teall. "They're losing money at the beginning of this."

Swartos explained that Teall will hire someone from South Dakota to work in the SDHSAA office. The association will have the final say on the new hire as well as whether sponsorships are accepted. "We don't want this to turn into NASCAR, with advertisements all over the place," Swartos said.

August sobriety checkpoints scheduled

Twelve sobriety checkpoints in 10 different counties have been scheduled for August.

Checkpoints are scheduled for the counties of Lincoln, Jerauld, Lyman, Hamlin, Brown, Moody, Minnehaha, Yankton, Pennington and Meade.

The monthly checkpoints are designed to encourage people to not drink and drive.

Valley Rats

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Legion team where Post 131 lost nine of their final 10. "So, for them to come in and perform the way they did was amazing. They really gave us a spark."

Not only does the loss end the Rats' season, it also brings to a close Mulder's era as team manager. He was a co-founder of the Rats in 2014 and has served as manager ever since.

He said at the beginning of the season that 2023 would be his last in the role. He confirmed it following the one-run loss to Renner.

"I'm done," he said. "The day-to-day coaching, I just can't do it anymore. I'm starting to get to where I don't know all these young kids. I'm to the point where I'm getting too old and too busy."

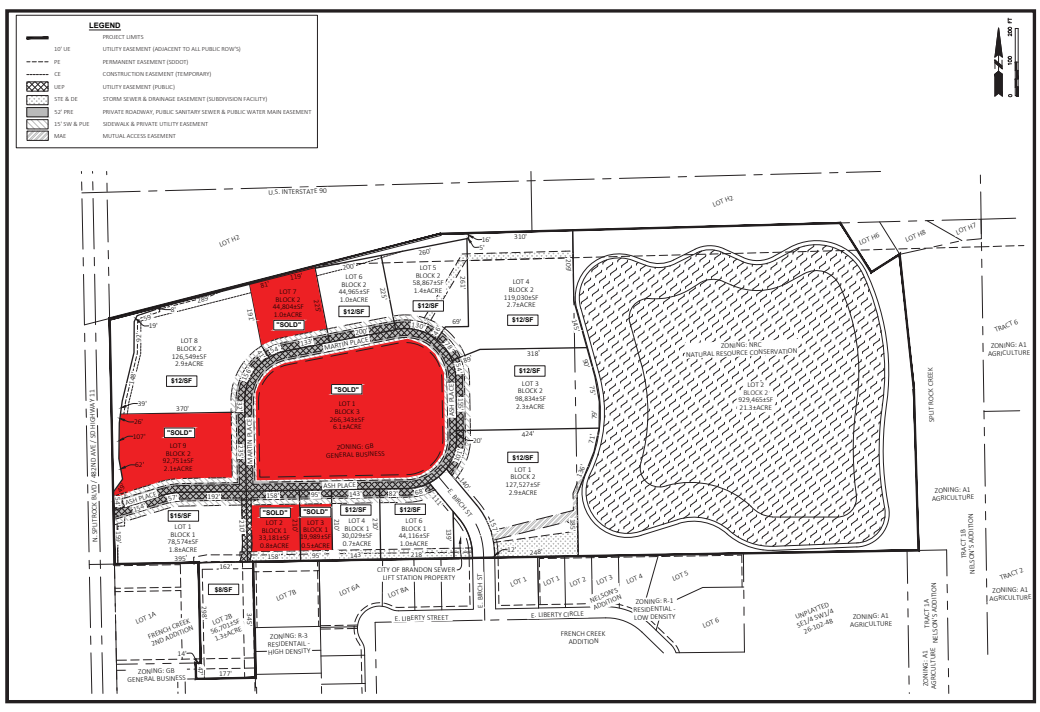
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Gov. Noem's claims of transparency called into question

Bart Pfankuch
South Dakota News Watch

For more than 40 years, South Dakota journalist Kevin Woster has produced material for the state's two largest newspapers, its largest TV station and for South Dakota Public Broadcasting, where he remains a writer and commentator.

Now semi-retired, Woster continues to report on a variety of statewide topics. And while he is a generalist in his journalistic coverage, his two main areas of focus have long been on state politics and the outdoors.

In both areas, Woster said, he has seen problems in the past few years in regard to openness and willingness of state officials to keep the public informed, particularly in the governor's office and within the Game, Fish and Parks Department.

Woster is one of several media professionals interviewed by News Watch who said Gov. Kristi Noem and her administration have significantly reduced access of journalists to information and interviews over the past few years, despite Noem's campaign promises to be the most transparent governor in South Dakota history.

"It seems to have gotten worse during her time in office. Things seemed to have tightened up," Woster said.

"She was a different politician when she was in the (U.S.) House of Representatives, more open and more inclined to focus on South Dakota issues rather than the hard-right themes. And I honestly believed her 2018 campaign pledge to be the most open of administrations. Maybe I was naive, or maybe she changed. Or both."

Media members and experts interviewed by News Watch said that, in contrast to past administrations, Noem and others in state agencies have routinely denied interview requests, often refuse to answer simple questions about news topics or don't return calls or emails.

Often, they require questions to be sent in emails that are responded to with brief statements rather than specific answers. Noem has also moved more toward providing public information in prepared statements or in highly produced videos rather than through back-and-forth discussion with reporters from well-established South Dakota media outlets.

Meanwhile, Noem continues to trumpet her openness. And in response to questions for this article, her spokesperson, Ian Fury, said that the governor has provided more information to the public than any of her predecessors and often relies on communication methods beyond the traditional media.

"There are many ways to communicate with the public directly; answering reporters' questions is just one of those," Fury wrote. "If reporters are unsatisfied with the answers that they receive, then they can always ask better questions."



Erin Woodiel/Argus Leader

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem speaks with reporters on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at C&B Operations in Mitchell.

Lack of information on local level

David Bordewyk, executive director of the South Dakota Newspaper Association, said he has heard from numerous members of the press saying it's increasingly difficult to reach state officials in Pierre as well as state employees who do important work in their local communities.

According to Bordewyk, media members say that while many had developed good relationships with state officials, who were easy to reach and would speak openly with them, those relationships have faded or been intentionally curtailed under the Noem administration.

"The relationships between the press and public officials, being able to share information and to help tell a story, that's not happening, even for things that are not a controversial topic," Bordewyk said.

"What the editors are finding is that they put in a request for an interview at the local level and then it has to go all the way back to Pierre to get the OK before the local person can respond, or they don't respond whatsoever. That has pervaded throughout state government at all levels, and local editors are frustrated."

'Public deserves' more transparency from Noem administration

Woster said previous governors in South Dakota, notably Gov. Bill Janklow, would occasionally be at odds with a member of the media who reported negatively on their actions.

But Woster said he has never before seen such a blanket shutdown of media accessibility within an administration as he has with Noem over the past couple years.

Woster said other governors — including Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard — took the approach that when it came to issues handled by officials and experts within state government, they provided wide latitude to those employees to speak openly with the public and news reporters.

The approach by Noem has not followed that tradition, and Woster said the state is not made better by restricting public access to information.

"Noem was right in promising to bring more transparency to state government. The public deserves it. The process of government deserves it. And the important issues involved in government deserve it," Woster wrote in an email to News Watch.

"The closed-shop mentality that seems to have evolved in the Noem administration in the last few years looks particularly bad because it follows the commitment to openness during the Daugaard administration. I'm saddened by that, both as a journalist and as a South Dakotan."

State agencies using social media instead

Fury, chief of communications for Noem, did not allow for an interview with himself or Noem but did send News Watch a statement in response to questions about media access to her administration.

"Gov. Noem is proud that her administration is the most transparent in history," Fury wrote. "We communicate directly with the people of South Dakota, and the media is just one means of doing that."

Fury wrote that Noem has published more material online than any prior governor, including through social media channels where Noem routinely releases written statements, photos of her travels around the state and nation and in crafted video messaging.

Fury said the governor answers reporter questions "at the appropriate time," including at press conferences she holds at events, businesses and public meetings across the state

Fury added that all state agencies follow the same policy in which media requests go through communications teams, which is done so other employees can focus fully on their own jobs.

"The people of South Dakota hear from the governor and state agencies directly through social media more often than any prior administration," Fury wrote.

Government oversight 'essential for democracy'

Michael Card, a political science professor at the University of South Dakota, said elected officials demonstrate a certain level of accountability when they regularly respond to journalists' questions.

Local and state journalism outlets, he said, are where important issues and problems — and possibly corruption — are exposed, discussed and presented to the public for consideration and response.

"The public needs to be able to learn what their government is doing with some degree of detail," he said. "Knowing what it's doing and why is essential for democracy."

Card, a keen observer of South Dakota politics and government for decades, said he is aware of reduced accessibility to information within the Noem administration and state government overall. One goal of limiting interaction with the media can be for officials who may be subjected to tough questions to reduce the influence of journalists by questioning their motives or challenging their integrity.

"I suspect that some message has gone out from the governor's office to limit what they say to the press," he said. "It's just a distrust of the media, and it's a larger message that is coming out from our former president (Donald Trump) and our governor, who speak much the same language."

Card said some state employees may rightfully fear for their jobs if they speak to the media or say the wrong thing and draw the governor's ire in any way.

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FACT OF ADOPTION

An ordinance amending MC30-02 the Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Sioux Falls.

The Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance MC30-46-23 on July 25, 2023. Ordinance MC30-02, the Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Sioux Falls was amended to add Public utility facility as a conditional use in the RC Recreation/Conservation District.

The entire ordinance is on file in the office of the County Auditor and available for inspection during regular business hours.

Leah Anderson, County Auditor

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August 2, 9, 2023

MINUTES

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENED AT 9:00 AM on July 25, 2023, pursuant to adjournment on July 18th, 2023. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE: Bender, Beninga, Bleyenberg, and Karsky. Also present were Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, and Eric Bogue, Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney.

Chair Bender called the meeting to order.

MOTION by Bleyenberg, seconded by Karsky, to approve the agenda. 4 ayes

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenberg, to approve the consent agenda. By roll call vote: 4 ayes. The consent agenda includes the following items:

Commission Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2023

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Auxiliary Services $2869.5, LEWIS DRUGS INC Store Sales $5.75, LG EVERIST INC Bridge Repair & Maintenance $546.25, LISA CARLSON REPORTI Court Reporters $78.4, LITTLE CAESARS 0431-Child Care Food $13.98, LJ'S AUTO REPAIR Gas Oil & Diesel $82.36, LOPEZ, REBECA Interpreters $75, LOREN & PHYLLIS THOM Right Of Way $900, LOWES HOME CENTERS, Other Supplies $102.68, LOWES HOME CENTERS, Parks/Rec Repair & Maintenance $13.96, MAC'S HARDWARE HHS Maintenance $6.24, MAC'S HARDWARE Jail Repairs & Maintenance $133.32, MAC'S SIOUX FALLS, S Bldg/Yard Repair & Maintenance $86.46, MAC'S SIOUX FALLS, S Bridge Repair & Maintenance $35.88, MAILCHIMP Advertising $60, MALLOY ELECTRIC Truck Repairs & Maintenance $134.88, MARK RICHARDS Business Travel $100, MARSHALL & SWIFT Books $674.2, MATT SATTER Business Travel $100, MEDSTAR PARAMEDIC IN Transportation $3200, MELLETTE COUNTY Board Of Prisoners-Meals $536, MENARD INC Grounds & Parking Repair $538.66, MENARD INC HHS Maintenance $147.24, MENARD INC Jail Repairs & Maintenance $30.54, MENARD INC Parks/Rec Repair & Maintenance $98.86, MENARD INC Plumbing & Welding $29.94, MENARD INC Small Tools & Shop Supplies $4.17, MENARD INC Tea-Ellis Range $3111.83, METRO COMMUNICATIONS Miscellaneous Expense $206885.86, MICHAELS STORES 9602 Miscellaneous Expense $53.95, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY C Natural Gas $2185.41, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY C Welfare Utilities $1448.89, MIDLAND INC Fairgrounds $220.28, MIDLAND INC Heat, Vent & AC Repairs $2068.38, MINNEHAHA CNTY TREAS Miscellaneous Expense $16.5, MYRL & ROYS PAVING I Road Maint & Material $2387.39, NACDL Education & Training $957, NAPA PARTS 0000199 Parks/Rec Repair & Maintenance $7.38, NEXT2NEW AUTOMOTIVE Truck Repairs & Maintenance $293.15, NIELSON PROPERTIES Welfare Rent $540, NIES PROPERTIES LLC Welfare Rent $900, NORTHEAST INVESTMENT Welfare Rent $800, NORTHERN TOOL & EQUI Parks/Rec Repair & Maintenance $30.97, NOVAK Trash Removal $675.05, NSPE 888-285-6773 Memberships $239.2, NYBERGS ACE HARDWARE Grounds & Parking Repair $38.93, NYBERGS ACE HARDWARE HHS Maintenance $2.65, NYBERGS ACE HARDWARE Parks/Rec Repair & Maintenance $7.64, OFFICE DEPOT INC Furniture & Office Equipment $69.57, OFFICE DEPOT INC Office Supplies $271.29, OLD ORCHARD CAFE MacArthur SJC Grant $1701.34, PARAGON HEALTH & WEL Blood Withdrawal $4260, PARKVIEW 2020 LLC Welfare Rent $407, PDQ.COM Maintenance Contracts $1275, PENBROOKE PLACE APAR Welfare Rent $2070.13, PHILLIPS 66 Business Travel $88.4, PIONEER ENTERPRISES Burials $2500, PITNEY BOWES Postage $50, PLANET HOLLYWD ADV D Business Travel $572.56, PORTA PROS INC MacArthur SJC Grant $653.13, PRIDE NEON, INC Automotive/Small Equipment $225, PUMPR NIKS Gas Oil & Diesel $119.67, QUALIFIED PRESORT SE Postage $60.25, R&L SUPPLY LTD Jail Repairs & Maintenance $829.57, R&L SUPPLY LTD JDC Maintenance $315.92, RAA CERTIFICATION SE Education & Training $150, RANGER JOES Uniform Allowance $36.95, REDWOOD COURT Juvenile Diversion Restitution $50, REEVES, MEGAN Court Reporters $1004.5, RENTOKIL NORTH AMERI Contract Services $763.19, RESIDENCE AT GREENWA Welfare Rent $89.94, RESOLUTE LAW FIRM IN Attorney Fees $1442.3, REYNOLDS LAW LLC Child Defense Attorney $2997, RIDDLE'S-#124 Special Projects $200, RJ RIES VALLET DRY C Office Supplies $66.05, RONNING COMMERCIAL Welfare Rent $1150, RUNNING SUPPLY INC Jail Repairs & Maintenance $407.33, RUNNING SUPPLY INC JDC Maintenance $18.87, RUNNING SUPPLY INC Uniform Allowance $79.98, SALEM, KARLA R Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) $3987.5, SANFORD Lab Costs $249, SANFORD CLINIC Lab Costs $87, SANFORD CLINIC Miscellaneous Expense $47.3, SARA ZISHKA Business Travel $100, SCHEELS ALL SPORTS Program Activities $24, SCHOENEMAN BROS CO JDC Maintenance $28.98, SD ASSOC OF COUNTY C Miscellaneous Expense $1400, SD URBAN INDIAN HEAL MacArthur SJC Grant $29000, SECURE ENTERPRISE AS Trash Removal $108.93, SHANNON ULMER Business Travel $100, SHERWIN WILLIAMS Building Repairs & Maintenance $496.24, SHERWIN WILLIAMS Coliseum $43.98, SHI INTERNATIONAL CO Maintenance Contracts $13804, SIOUX FALLS AREA HUM Miscellaneous Expense $4170.23, SIOUX FALLS CITY Business Travel $2.5, SIOUX FALLS CITY Electricity $14540.47, SIOUX FALLS CITY Gas Oil & Diesel $885.99, SIOUX FALLS CITY Water - Sewer $26006.36, SIOUX FALLS CITY Welfare Utilities $93.18, SIVERSTAR CARWASH-SY Truck Repairs & Maintenance $-15.98, SODAK GARDENS Bldg/Yard Repair & Maintenance $320, SOUTH HAMPTON LLC Welfare Rent $600, SOUTHEASTERN BEHAVIO Professional Services $3200, SPRINGBROOK LLOYD PR Welfare Rent $3355, SQ *EILEEN'S COLOSSA Miscellaneous Expense $47, SQ *JIM & RON'S SERV Professional Services $440, SQ *LIQUOR MART SOUT Education & Training $139.96, SQ *MD THE ENGRAVING Special Projects $159.2, SQ *NATIONAL TACTICA Homeland Security $978, SRF CONSULTING GROUP Architects & Engineers $8843.16, STAN HOUSTON EQUIPME Bldg/Yard Repair & Maintenance $125, STAN HOUSTON EQUIPME Heat, Vent & AC Repairs $350, STAN HOUSTON EQUIPME JDC Maintenance $235, STAPLES Office Supplies $69.39, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Daily Scram $3972, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Remote Breath $716, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Architects & Engineers $159.47, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Blood/Chemical Analysis $7985, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Contract Services $10200, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Lab Costs $520, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT MacArthur SJC Grant $99000, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Outside Repair $10.5, STOCKWELL ENGINEERS Parking $4200, STREICHERS INC Miscellaneous Expense $55, STREICHERS INC Uniform Allowance $2595.87, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Board Of Prisoners-Meals $57708.86, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Child Care Food $623.21, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE School Lunch Program $1259.21, TARRANT CO SVC FEE Clinics - Auxiliary Services $2, TARRANT COUNTY DISTR Clinics - Auxiliary Services $8, TCN INC Telephone $60.85, TEAM AUTOMOTIVE INC Automotive/Small Equipment $76.39, TERRONES, JARED Investigators Expenses $117.81, TESSMAN SEED COMP Grounds & Parking Repair $904, THE HOME DEPOT 4301 Program Activities $73.98, THE LODGE AT DEADWOO Business Travel $-314.07, THE UPS STORE 2125 Jail Repairs & Maintenance $14.32, THE WESTAURANT STOR Testing Supplies $340.22, THINK 3D SOLUTIONS MacArthur SJC Grant $29000, THOMSON REUTERS - WE Legal Research $2284.07, THOMSON REUTERS - WE Subscriptions $698.2, THRIVE COUNSELING Recruitment $400, TIRES TIRES TIRES Gas Oil & Diesel $66.01, TOTALLY

BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2023-24

APPROPRIATIONS	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Spec. Ed Fund	Bond Red. Fund	Food Service Fund
Instruction					
Brandon Elementary	3,190,800	81,700			
Valley Springs Elementary	493,500	5,200			
Robert Bennis Elementary	2,828,000	77,400			
Fred Assam Elementary	2,591,000	91,500			
Inspiration Elementary	1,613,600	17,300			
Intermediate School	3,790,500	587,800			
Middle School	3,468,900	86,400			
Senior High School	6,322,900	653,500			
Class Size Reduction Grant	166,300	0			
Gifted	1,500	0			
English-Second Language	428,100	0			
Title I	155,800	0			
Special Ed	0	43,300	7,761,800		
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	25,050,900	1,644,100	7,761,800	0	0
Support Services					
Guidance	1,092,500	0			
Health Services	381,400	3,500			
CARES Act	0	0			
Print Shop	13,500	100,000			
Curriculum Director	162,200	0			
Curriculum Staff	85,000	0			
In-Service Days	249,000	0			
District Computer Coordinator	533,800	0			
Library	419,900	115,400			
Board of Education	110,100	0			
Office of Superintendent	398,000	15,000			
Operations Manager	164,500	0			
BE Principal	234,000	0			
VSE Principal	120,600	0			
RBE Principal	226,900	0			
FAE Principal	223,700	0			
IE Principal	216,500	0			
Intermediate School Principal	429,300	0			
Middle School Principal	376,400	0			
Senior High Principal	669,800	0	0		
Special Ed Director	0	0	318,200		
Office of the Principals	0	13,000	0		
Theater Director	15,100	14,000	0		
Fiscal Services	529,900	0	0		
Operation of Plant	5,632,500	1,305,000	0		
Facilities Construction	0	1,100,000	0		
Land Acquisition	0	3,628,000	0		
Transportation	1,564,700	357,000	3,000		
Educational Co-op	0	0	1,285,000		0
Food Service	0	0	0	0	3,885,000
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	13,849,300	6,650,900	1,606,200	0	3,885,000
NON-PROGRAMMED SERVICE	165,000	0	200,000	0	0
DEBT SERVICE	0	510,000	0	3,235,000	0
CO-CURRICULAR	1,008,800	85,000	0	0	0
OPERATING TRANSFER OUT	0	1,100,000	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	40,074,000	9,990,000	9,568,000	3,235,000	3,885,000

BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2023-24 BUDGET

MEANS OF FINANCE	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Spec. Ed Fund	Bond Red. Fund	Food Service Fund
REVENUE-LOCAL SOURCES					
Taxes	12,500,000	8,310,000	5,028,000	3,235,000	
Tuition	0				
Earnings from Investments	100,000				
Co-Curricular Activities	135,000				
All Other	555,000	50,000	131,000		2,420,000
TOTAL LOCAL	13,290,000	8,360,000	5,159,000	3,235,000	2,420,000
REVENUE-COUNTY SOURCES					
County Apportionment	140,000				
In Lieu of Taxes	0				
TOTAL COUNTY SOURCES	140,000	0	0	0	0
REVENUE-STATE SOURCES					
State Aid	23,300,000		3,459,000		
Apportionment	400,000				
Bank Franchise Tax	1,000,000				
Other	0				
TOTAL STATE SOURCES	24,700,000	0	3,459,000	0	0
REVENUE-FEDERAL SOURCES					
CARES/ESSER	0	500,000			
Title I	155,000				
Title III-ESL	5,000				
Title IV	16,000				
IDEA Part B/Preschool	0		1,042,000		
Title II & CSR	145,000				
Perkins Grant	0	30,000			
Other Grants	30,000				
Food Service Free/Reduced	0				1,060,000
Food Service Commodities	0				220,000
TOTAL FEDERAL SOURCES	351,000	530,000	1,042,000	0	1,280,000
Operating Transfers In	1,100,000	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	39,581,000	8,890,000	9,660,000	3,235,000	3,700,000
Less expenditures (from previous page	40,074,000	9,990,000	9,568,000	3,235,000	3,885,000
CURRENT YR BUDGET BALANCE	(493,000)	(1,100,000)	92,000	0	(185,000)
Estimated Fund Balance @6/30/23	7,450,000	2,825,000	1,250,000	1,375,000	2,700,000
Estimated Fund Balance @6/30/24	7,100,000	1,800,000	1,350,000	1,375,000	2,500,000

BAMBOO FAIRE Store Inventory $196.49, TRANE Heat, Vent & AC Repairs $1903, TRI-STATE NURSING Professional Services $3266.75, TWILIO INC Maintenance Contracts $90.94, TWO WAY SOLUTIONS IN Automotive/Small Equipment $59.49, TWO WAY SOLUTIONS IN Communication Equipment Repair $1670.98, TZADIK SIOUX FALLS I Welfare Rent $3215, TZADIK SIOUX FALLS P Welfare Rent $3729.47, TZADIK WOODLAKE Welfare Rent $500, UBER TRIP Business Travel $70.46, UNCLE EDS SPECIALTY Miscellaneous Expense $181.27, UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX Miscellaneous Expense $50, UPS*1Z79Y5W702957028 Postage $30.95, US FOODS INC Other Supplies $37.69, US FOODS INC Professional Services $869.24, US POSTAL SERVICE Postage $5396.13, VER BEEK, KELSEY Child Defense Attorney $2537.74, VOGEL MOTORS LLC Gas Oil & Diesel $57, VUONG LAW Attorney Fees $802.5, WALGREENS Professional Services $208.08, WALMART STORES INC Child Care Food $193.22, WALMART STORES INC Education & Training $51.69, WALMART STORES INC Furniture & Office Equipment $70, WALMART STORES INC Inmate Supplies $71.04, WALMART STORES INC Miscellaneous Expense $123.68, WALMART STORES INC Office Supplies $142.33, WALMART STORES INC Other Supplies $12.8, WALMART STORES INC Program Activities $151.62, WALMART STORES INC Uniform Allowance $39.98, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS A Welfare Rent $1142.58, WASTE MANAGEMENT OF Trash Removal $3529.62, WAWA 8679 Gas Oil & Diesel $65.07, WESTERN HEIGHTS APTS Welfare Rent $237, WHENTOWORK Subscriptions $220, XCEL ENERGY Electricity $3796.57, XCEL ENERGY Road Maint & Material $20.84, XCEL ENERGY INC Welfare Utilities $5932.62, YANKTON COUNTY Return Of Service $100, ZERO9 SOLUTIONS LLC Uniform Allowance $94.97, ZIMRIDE, INC. Business Travel $95.07.

The following reports were received and placed on file in the Auditor's Office:

Mobile Crisis Team Statistics for June, 2023

Human Services 2023 2nd Quarter Reports

Routine Personnel Actions

New Hires

1. Nataliia Hudzii, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at $24.16/hour (14/1) effective 7/31/2023.

2. Matthew Drayton, Highway Maintenance Team Member for the Highway Department, at $21.86/hour (12/1) effective 7/31/2023.

3. Joseph Reagan, variable hour Airport Deputy Sheriff for Airport Security, at $30.00/hour effective 7/18/2023.

Promotions

1. To promote John O'Malley, Senior Deputy Public Defender to Senior Trial Attorney for the Public Defenders's Office, at $4,050.40/bi-weekly (23/5) effective 7/22/2023.

2. To promote Christopher Bryan, Highway Maintenance Team Member to Senior Sign Maintenance Team Member for the Highway Department, at $26.65/hour (14/3) effective 7/22/2023.

Step Increases

1. Francis Konechne, Fleet Supervisor for the Highway Department, at $40.54/hour (18/12) effective 7/31/2023.

2. Mattnew Aanenson, Sergeant for the Jail, at $43.66/hour (20/11) effective 6/30/2023.

3. Jon Healy, Corrections Systems Operator for the Jail, at $21.86/hour (10/3) effective 5/17/2023.

4. Emily Herbert, Deputy Public Defender for the Public Defender's Office, at $3,492.80/bi-weekly (22/3) effective 8/1/2023.

5. Douglas Amolins, Tax & License Technician for the Treasurer's Office, at $27.98/hour (10/13) effective 7/8/2023.

Abatement Applications Recommend for Approval by Department of Equalization

Parcel-51324, City of Sioux Falls, 2020 Property Taxes, $1,344.98

Notices and Requests

City of Brandon Notice to Create Tax Increment District #8

BRIEFING

Susan Beaman, Finance and Budget Officer, presented a briefing regarding the 2023 2nd Quarter American Rescue Plan Expenditures. The Auditor's Office plans to report to the US Treasury regarding last quarter's expenditures of $1,033,335.33. The expenditures breakdown as follows: COVID Sick Leave had an expenditures of $19,470.78; Jail Staffing for COVID Isolation Unit had an expenditures of $275,671.28; Retention Bonus had an expenditure of $22,606.50; Burials had an expenditure of $53,845.48; Motels had an expenditure of $16,191.46; Jail Booking Registered Nurse had an expenditure of $73,293.74; Jail Mental Health Counselor had an expenditure of $12,623.48; New Positions had an expenditure of $294,635.08; State's Attorney Case Management Software had an expenditure of $10,050.00; Welfare Rent had an expenditure of $42,383.15; Welfare Utilities had an expenditure of the $10,001.77; Juvenile Detention Center-Psychiatric Services had an expenditure of $6,000.00 The total ARPA expenditures through June 30, 2023, were $19,361,205.40.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPEED NOTICE ORDINANCE FIRST READING

Steve Groen, Highway Superintendent, was present for the first reading of an ordinance providing for the establishment of speed zones on the Minnehaha County Highway System. In April of 2021, a speed zone was adopted to enable enforcement of speed limits under 55 mph of County Highways. Since 2021, growth within Crooks has made it necessary to adjust speed zones. The proposed changes requested by the City of Crooks all occur along County Highway 137 (470th Ave). The proposed ordinance would replace the ordinance from April 2021. MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Beninga, to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Providing for the Establishment of Speed Zones on the Minnehaha County Highway System and schedule a second reading for the August 1 Minnehaha County Commission Meeting. 4 ayes.

VEHICLE PURCHASE

Upon the request of Steve Groen, Highway Superintendent, MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenberg, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase a 2024 Cheverolet Silverado 3500 under State of South Dakota Procurement Contract #17618 in the amount of $49,294 from Lamb Motors. 4 ayes.

AGREEEMNT

Tom Greco, Commission Administrative Officer, presented a joint participation agreement between Sandford Medical Center, Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center, the City of Sioux Falls, the Sioux Empire Triage Center, and Minnehaha County to provide for County contributions to the Triage Center. The current agreement between the same parties expires on July 31, 2023, and the proposed agreement would continue through December 31, 2026. By authorizing the Chair to sign the agreement, the County agrees to provide funding in the amount $400,000 per calendar year, beginning in 2024, through the end of the term in 2026, to the Sioux Empire Triage Center, or Link. The Link provides a mid-level care alternative for non-violent persons with drug and alcohol abuse and mental health illness. MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Beninga, to defer action on the request to grant authorization to the Chair to sign a Joint Participation Agreement between Sanford Medical Center, Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center, the City of Sioux Falls, the Sioux Empire Triage Center, and Minnehaha County to provide for County contributions to the Triage Center to an unspecified future meeting. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

BRIEFING

Tyler Klatt, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, presented a briefing on the proposed changes to the Commission Rules of Procedure. The Commission adopted the Rules of Procedures in September of 2022. Under Section 7.1 of the Rules of Procedure requires the Commission to review the rules every July. Mr. Klatt went through the proposed revisions that have been identified and a redlined version of the Rules of Procedure showing each proposed change. Discussion included the addition of having a public comment period prior to the voting of the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Kolbe, Sioux Falls, spoke about creative funding ideas for the public safety.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Bleyenberg spoke about the Community Engagement park event held last week.

Commissioner Bender spoke about the recent meeting for the MacArthur grant.

MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Beninga, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), (3), and (4) at 9:30 a.m. 4 ayes.

Commissioner Bender recused herself from the executive session at 10:15 a.m.

Vice Chair Karsky declared the executive session concluded at 10:22 a.m.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenberg, to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. 3 ayes.

The Commission adjourned until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25th, 2023.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: Jean Bender , Chair

ATTEST: Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder

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August 2, 2023

—— NOTICE OF HEARING ——

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Minnehaha County, will meet in the County Administration Building at Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. for the purpose of considering the forgoing Provisional Budget for the year 2024 and the various items, schedules, amounts, and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on or before the 30th day of September, 2023. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative, and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.

Leah Anderson, County Auditor, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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August 2, 2023

——— MINUTES ———

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENED AT 5:00 PM on July 25, 2023, pursuant to adjournment on July 25, 2023. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE: Bender, Beninga, Bleyenberg, and Karsky. Commissioner Kippley was absent. Also present were Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, and Eric Bogue, Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney.

City Council members present were: Barranco, Cole, Jensen, Merkouris, Neitzert, Selberg, and Starr. Councilor Soehl and Mayor TenHaken were absent.

Chair Bender called the meeting to order.

MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Beninga to Approve, to approve the agenda. 4 ayes. The City concurred.

TEXT AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Scott Anderson, Planning Director, was present for a second reading of Ordinance Amendment #23-03 for revisions to the Revised Joint Ordinance for Minnehaha County and City of Sioux Falls which was deferred from June 27. The proposed ordinance amendment would allow a Public Utility Facility in the RC Recreation/Conservation District as a Conditional Use. This use is allowed as a conditional use in the RC District within both the County Zoning Ordinance and the Joint Dell Rapids/Minnehaha County Ordinance. The proposed addition will make this use consistent within all the various zoning ordinances within the County.

Chair Bender asked for proponents and opponents to speak on the topic. There was no one in attendance to speak either favor or against the amendment.

MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Beninga, to approve Ordinance 30-26-23 an amendment to the Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance MC30-02 for Minnehaha County and the City of Sioux Falls by amending article 13.00, RC Recreation/Conservation District. By roll call vote: 4 ayes. The City concurred.

The entire ordinance is available and on file at the Auditor's Office.

MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Bleyenberg, to adjourn. 4 ayes. The City concurred.

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:Jean Bender , Chair

ATTEST: Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder

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August 2, 2023

CITY OF BRANDON

—— NOTICE OF HEARING ——
——— FOR VARIANCE ———

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Brandon Planning and Zoning Commission, acting as a Board of Adjustment, on the 17th day of August, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brandon Council Chambers, 308 S. Main Avenue, Brandon, South Dakota;

This hearing will be conducted to consider granting a VARIANCE to the Zoning Regulations allowing for the following:

To allow for an accessory building that would be over the maximum allowed size per City Ordinance.

The legal description and property address is:

Alliance Plaza 2nd Addition Lot 2A (1400 E. Aspen Blvd.)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any interested person or their attorney or representative may appear and be heard.

Dated this 28th day of July, 2023

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August 2, 2023

—— NOTICE OF HEARING ——
— FOR CONDITIONAL USE —

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Brandon Planning and Zoning Commission on the 17th day of August, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brandon Council Chambers, 308 S. Main Avenue, Brandon, South Dakota;

This hearing will be conducted to consider granting a CONDITIONAL USE to the Zoning Regulations allowing for the following:

To extend the R-1 zoning regulations into the remaining portion of the lot.

The legal description and property address is:

Tract 2 (Ex Tr 1 & Tr 2 Twin Rivers Crossing Addition) Fauth's Addition

To be platted as Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & P1 Block 3

(To be addressed as 1105, 1109, 1113, 1117, 1201, 1205 & 1209 S. Moonlight Drive)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any interested person or their attorney or representative may appear and be heard.

Dated this 28th day of July, 2023

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August 2, 2023

CITY OF VALLEY SPRINGS

——— MINUTES ———

The Planning and Zoning Board for the City of Valley Springs, SD met on Tuesday, July 25th, 2023 at 7:00 pm at 1000 Cliff Ave.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Langner.

Present: Mike Langner, Matt Wingert, Ron Kuipers, Allen Severtson & Blaine Eilts.

Guest Present: Abby Erickson & Viktor Sushchik

A motion was made by Mike to approve agenda as presented. Ron seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion Carried

Abby Erickson was present to ask Planning & Zoning members about putting up a fence. There was no decision made.

Viktor Sushchik was present to ask about putting in a driveway at 48774 262nd Street. Blaine is going to contact our City Engineer & Minnehaha County to check on next steps.

A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Mike to adjourn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Blaine Eilts, Zoning Administrator

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August 2, 2023

CHANGE OF NAME

——— NOTICE ———

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

In the Matter of the Petition regarding LuAnn Louise Meinjohans a Change of Name to Ann Louise Graves CIV: 23-1728 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by LuAnn Louise Meinjohans the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from LuAnn Louise Meinjohans to Ann Louise Graves. On the 15th day of August 2023 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Theeler Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any may come and appear at the time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested. Dated this 23rd day of June, 2023 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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July 12, 19, 26 & August 2, 2023

CHANGE OF NAME

——— NOTICE ———

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

In the Matter of the Petition regarding Arianna Ivory Carlson Change of Name to Maxwell Eugene Ivory Green CIV: 23-1993 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Arianna Ivory Carlson the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Arianna Ivory Carlson to Maxwell Eugene Ivory Green. On the 12th day of September 2023 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Theeler Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any may come and appear at the time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested. Dated this 20th day of July, 2023 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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July 26 & August 2, 9, 16, 2023

CHANGE OF NAME

——— NOTICE ———

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
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IN CIRCUIT COURT
2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of the Petition regarding James Slattery Change of Name to Jace Slattery CIV: 23-2021 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by James Slattery the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from James Slattery to Jace Slattery. On the 29th day of August 2023 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Power Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any may come and appear at the time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested. Dated this 21st day of July, 2023 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

BUDDY KOFOID

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drivers pick up points for Saturday's finale. It's a format Kofoid said he loves.

"I like the event where you race on the same track four days in a row, and I like the repetitiveness of a track when there's that much money," he said. "I like how it's structured. I like that challenge. I like something different from the norm. I've fallen in love with it and enjoyed racing there."

Kofoid picked up his first career World of Outlaws feature event when he won on June 23, 2022. He also won back-to-back USAC Midget feature events on July 8 and 9 of last year. There's little doubt he'll be back.

"I love Huset's," he said. "I plan on being there as much as I can – as many times as possible. I love that event (High Banks) and I know I have a chance to win because we did this year and I was right in the mix last year. I feel like personally I can do it. It keeps you hungry to keep going back."



Tom A. Savage/BV Journal

Brandon Valley head football coach Matt Christensen talks to a group of moms on his team in the BVHS weight room at a special event on July 26.

MOM'S FB NIGHT

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Defensively, assistant coach Jeremy Risty led a group of moms in what their sons are expected to understand and execute each week.

"Giving them an understanding of what their boys do and how involved it really is," Risty said. "Not just moms, but I think people outside of football in general don't understand how much kids are expected to know and do."

In Risty's session, there were several questions that understandably arose from the various schematics defensive coaches had drawn on the white board.

"It can be very intimidating. I give the ladies a lot of credit," Risty said. "You don't know what you don't know. Admitting that you don't necessarily know something is a bold first step."

Although a borderline brain-teaser for many, Wednesday proved for many to be helpful when fans pack the stands next month when the Lynx host Harrisburg on Sept. 2 for the home-opener, the annual Pigskin Classic. "There's way more to the game than people think," Garry said. "It's a chess game and it's so interesting."

REP. DUSTY JOHNSON

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committees. This type of collaboration is unprecedented and could be the most substantial piece of digital asset legislation in the history of Congress.

The European Union, Britain, and authoritarian countries like China have established regulatory frameworks and protections for developers which has led many digital asset companies to move overseas. I don't own any cryptocurrency, but if we want to remain the global leader in technology and financial innovation, we have to be engaged in the area. As the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Digital Assets, I was proud to secure committee passage on this important legislation.

Both our committees will push to get this legislation on the House floor for a vote this year so we can bring clarity to cryptocurrency.

BRANDON 90 PLAZA

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ances along with mattresses, which they sell in both their George and Hawarden, Iowa, stores.

Along with appliance and mattress sales, Heartland Appliance also offers appliance repair. Their service territory is quite broad, ranging from as far north to Brookings and south to Onawa, Iowa, and from Mitchell to the west and the Estherville/Spirit Lake, Iowa, area to the east.

"If you're going to sell appliances, you need to repair them," Van Egdom said.

The city also stands to gain two new fast food restaurants in the Plaza, Culver's and Jimmy John's.

"Culver's is coming," Viereck said, adding the franchisee also operates Culver's restaurants in Mitchell, Yankton and Aberdeen.

Jimmy John's is the only tenant to date to announce their plans to lease one of the available spaces in a planned strip mall. Viereck said he has interest in another 3,200 square feet of the building.

A stand-alone Starbucks has been secured, Viereck announced, and a new dental practice is also in the works.

Although he did not disclose the brand, a third hotel is on the drawing board for Brandon 90 Plaza.

Viereck is excited about signage that will be permitted for Brandon 90 Plaza and will include a monument-like sign along Splitrock Boulevard, on the front end of each lot and on the building.



The Aaker family toured Europe and visited 'The City of Light" as part of the experience. Photo includeds Don, Sheila, Benjamin, Beth, Aiden and Remy Aaker. Don and Sheila's trip started in Spain, France, Switzerland, Italy and Greece. Benjamin, Beth, Aiden and Remy went to France and Ireland. If you are venturing out this summer, near or far, remember to put the *Journal* on your packing list. Snap a photo, submit it, and we will put it in print. Photos may be sent to editor@bvjournal.info!

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