



## Remembering Fallen American Heroes



Garretson's own, American Legion Post #23 gathered to honor those who died in service of our free society. This Memorial Day the American Legion is 100 years old. Let us hope we can make a society worthy of their sacrifice.



The Garretson School Pride award winner for May is librarian Tiffany Radford for her work with the Maker's Space program in the school library! Creativity work with Legos, Robots and programming code, oh my!

## Board honors Radford, sets new end of year, hires new food service

The Garretson School board held their regular monthly meeting on May 13. The main topics of this meeting were when to set the new date for the end of the school year and what company to award the contract for the Request for Proposals that the school sent out to any/all interested parties.

The board first reviewed their consent agenda which included the payment of current bills, approval of financial reports, and fuel quotes. Before review, Board President Nordstrom asked that teacher Kelly Block be added to the list of resignations in the consent agenda.

Included in that consent agenda were resignations of Stacey Beckman as head volleyball coach with no stipulations and Jodi Gloe also resigned from her post as all school play director with the stipulation that she recruit someone else to take up the duties.

It should be noted here that S. Beckman is the wife of Nathan Beckman, who was temporarily suspended this past year, with no official reason stated to the public as to why.

No statements have been made publicly, but it could likely be inferred that N. Beck-

man will also not be returning as head basketball coach next year, so the school will likely need to fill vacancies in both positions.

Having no old business or conflict of interest discussion the board moved on to the Pride Award.

The board honored school librarian, Tiffany Radford. At the last school board meeting she gave a demonstration about the Maker's Space program, which she had spearheaded in addition to her normal duties as librarian. Palisades Oil has contributed financially to this program, with Blue Dragon Fill-ups, giving a portion of their fuel sales to this project every first Wednesday of the month. With this money, and a Maker's Space grant, Radford has purchased robots, tablet computers, and hosted classes on programming code for both self-made video games, building blocks and Lego model making.

"It's just so much fun to be a part of, to watch these kids let their imaginations guide them," Radford said. "They have an idea and they use the tools to make that idea real. I can't tell you how wonderful it is."

Elementary principal Teresa Johnson spoke up and was ex-

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Dr. Gregg Talcott, who recently retired as principal of Brandon Valley High school and was recently named to the Brandon Valley School Board, speaks to GED graduates of the Coolidge Learning Center at the South Dakota State Penitentiary on Thursday, May 2, during their annual graduation ceremony. Talcott was instrumental in donating the caps and gowns from BVHS to the inmates for their celebration. "We have been so thankful to Dr. Talcott for helping us and the inmates make our graduation special," said SDSP instructor and Brandon resident Nick Redmond. (Journal photo by Dave Baumeister)

## Masur brings up commission response in 'untruthful' article

By Dave Baumeister,  
county correspondent

**SIOUX FALLS** – Jay Masur, owner of Med-Star ambulance of Brandon was back in front of the Minnehaha County Commission during public comment at the Tuesday, May 21 meeting.

He started his comments to commissioners by saying he was grateful for help in completing paperwork necessary to, presumably, obtain funds from the commission that he requested earlier this year, but beyond that, he mainly talked about an article on the webpage of the Sioux Falls Argus Leader that he claimed was misleading.

"That story in the Argus Leader wasn't even close to the truth," Masur said. "That story was pretty biased, in my opinion."

He further claimed that the author of the article, which was about ambulance cover-

age at the Saddleback Race-track, was tied in with that motorcycle club.

Masur also said he was upset with the county commission in regard to the article. However, the Argus Leader article did not make much of a reference to the commission, even though it slightly dealt with an issue brought up by Commissioner Jeff Barth at the May 7 meeting when he said he wanted to get a change to the Minnehaha County ambulance ordinance on a future agenda.

While that change had not yet been put on an agenda as of May 21, it referred to a line in the ordinance which seemed to mean that an ambulance provider in a certain area had to give "consent" before another service could be brought in.

At this meeting, Masur said the Argus article by Joe

Sneve referred to a private event, motorcycle races put on by the Sioux Valley Cycle Club.

The quote Sneve attributes to Commission Chair Jean Bender has the name "Med-Star" within Bender's quote in parentheses.

The complete quote by Bender as written at Argusleader.com reads:

"The intent was to make sure that before they hire someone else, at least they had given notice," she said.

"It wasn't intended to give (Med-Star) a veto right."

The practice of putting words in parentheses in a quote is to make a quote clear to the reader, and they are used to indicate that those words weren't actually said. But Ben-

der said that when she was questioned by Sneve, she was talking about Barth's proposed change in general, and she never meant that it was about Med-Star, as the Argus Leader article implies.

Without the "Med-Star" name used, the quote from Bender actually refers to a power that any county ambulance service could have to hold a "veto right," which is in line with what Barth said when he first brought up the change.

Although the article focused on Med-Star "extorting" the racetrack, Masur said that they had come to an agreement on a price for the season long before the article was first posted on May 20.

He also claimed that Paramedics Plus of Sioux Falls used that same "consent" clause to keep Med-Star from offering its services at the Sioux Empire Fair.

However, Masur's comments were part of the "public comment" portion of the

meeting, and no action came from them.

There are still plans for the proposed ambulance ordinance change to come before the entire commission as a regular agenda item very soon.

In regular business, commissioners heard reports on the Office of Emergency Management, the Highway Department and the Minnehaha County Jail.

Also, Commissioner Cindy Heiberger brought the motion for the commission to sign an agreement for the county to become part of the Sioux Empire Leadership Council.

The Minnehaha County Commission has its regular meetings each Tuesday at 9 a.m. on the second floor of the county administration building at 6th and Minnesota in Sioux Falls.

These meetings are open to the public, and public comment is always encouraged.



**Notice: For Sale by sealed bids. The Town of Sherman is currently accepting sealed bids on a 1965 700 Ford pumper truck. It has a 1500 gal stainless steel tank. It does need a new battery and brake work. The Town of Sherman has the right to reject and accept all bids. Please send all bids to Town of Sherman PO Box 8 Sherman SD 57030. Bids need to be in by June 1, 2019 and they will be opened at the June monthly meeting.**

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tremely complementary on what Radford had done with Garretson Elementary students. Look for more on this in a future issue of the Gazette.

Next was the first controversial issue of the meeting, the end of the school year. Parents and students had both expressed frustrations as to not knowing what the end date of school would be this year because of all of the cancelations due to weather. Making up every day missed would have seen the school still in session into June. Supt. Guy Johnson began the discussion by stating that the school has already made its required number of teaching hours to students.

There were three proposals that Supt. Johnson put forward. First was last day of school on May 23rd, teacher last day May 24th. The next proposal was that the last day be the 24th & the teacher last day to be Tuesday the 28th. The last was that the last day of school would be Tuesday May 28th, after Memorial Day with the last teacher day May 29th. Lots of discussion followed.

Board member Rachel Hanisch argued it should be Thursday, but her motion to make that so died for a lack of a second. Board Member Tony Martens made the argument that missed days of school should be made up, and people should expect that they will be. Nobody controls the weather, so you do what you have to do, that means going to school late in the year whether you like it or not. He said that long ago, this school, and SD schools in general, abandoned the Labor Day to Memorial Day practice, and that this isn't the first, or the last time school has been frequently called off for bad weather.

In the end, the board made the decision to go with the compromise plan of the last day of school being Friday the 24th, and that the teachers would return the Tuesday after Memorial Day to finish their business and checkout for the summer. The final vote was 3-2.

The next item was also discussed at length, though there was much less disagreement with the final decision. As their renewable contract with Lunchtime Solutions was now coming to an end, school Business Manager Emily Bucher had put out a request for pro-

posals for a contractor to fill the school's lunch management needs. Two companies submitted proposals, Lunchtime Solutions and Thrive Nutrition Services.

The board reviewed the materials from both proposals and Supt. Johnson summarized several points. Both companies, he said, had solid reputations in our state and in region.

The sticking point for the board, as is almost always the case in these matters, is cost. The bid proposed by Thrive Nutrition Services was significantly lower than the bid from Lunchtime Solutions, to the tune of several thousand dollars less. Martens pointed out that it's enough of a savings that just couldn't be ignored, as the budget could certainly delegate that money elsewhere. So despite the school's good working relationship with Lunchtime Solutions, and that the school's current kitchen staff will likely part from their employment under LtS, and have to be re-interviewed and re-hired by the new company, the board voted to accept the bid from TNS. Supt. Johnson said that he was assured by TNS that preferential hiring of the current staff would be their practice.

The board did agree to renew membership the South Dakota High School Activities Association and decided which candidates and issues to vote for in favor of on their annual ballot for the association.

The board also agreed to renew their agreement with the Orthopedic Institute of Sioux Falls and the summer Sports Enhancement Program for students. It's less training for a specific sport, but focused in making the participating students better all-around athletes.

Business Manager Bucher also had a preliminary budget to present for the board to look over. The board decided to take a look over this budget for a month and discuss it at the June meeting.

Several policy revisions were then discussed and those with a second reading were voted on.

Supt. Johnson, toward the tail end of the public meeting, let the board know that he'd had further discussions with GNR controls and UNESCO concerning the building's infrastructure. At last month's meetings there were solid concerns as to how long the large chiller would last the district. Supt. Johnson discussed repairs

versus replacement, and he advised the board that it was too late in the season to expect a return on bids for the work, but that with the upcoming budget discussions the board would need to decide what course they should take.

The board then went into executive session from 7:44 p.m. to 10:25 p.m. to talk personnel issues and contract negotiations. They adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

## Palisade's Healthcare has electrical fire, GFD and friends responded.

On Memorial Day, May 27, Palisades Healthcare had an electrical fire. The residents were evacuated and the Garretson Volunteer Fire Department was on scene quickly. The Gazette spoke with Ryan Longhenry, GFD secretary, not long after the incident. He confirmed that there was no structural damage and that the fire was triggered by an electrical motor in temperature control.

"There were no signs of anything outside the unit itself being damaged and no visible signs of flames, internally or externally and no damage to the structure apart from the obvious," he said. "Our guys inspected the building and found nothing dangerous or life threatening."

Holidays are some of the worst times for emergency services, but Longhenry said that both GFD and our close neighbors were ready.

"We had 20 members of our department ready to go right away," he said. "Also, our friends from Brandon and Baltic responded to the call within minutes as well, and got right here with a great response time to back us up. This is just one of the many examples we've seen

about how well our inter-departmental relationships function. We know we can count on them and they know they can count on us. Also, I want to note that we were at Palisades Healthcare in about two minutes. Already the staff had evacuated all of the residents and personnel outside. That speaks very well to their fire escape and evacuation plans. We did relocate residents into the clinic and ambulance garage next door to shelter them from the wind."

"Our guys inspected, cleared the smoke and declared the building safe. The maintenance staff at the building is aware of what's damaged and where, and they should be able to enact repairs."

Longhenry said though this fire was small, he said that's what the GFD is here for, anytime.

## Alliance Communications closes digital divide for residents north of Sherman

Alliance Communications, based in Garretson, S.D., received a grant from the State of South Dakota to bring fiber-optic broadband Internet to an underserved area north of Sherman, S.D.

"Connecting homes and businesses directly to a 100 percent fiber-optic network gives users the fastest and most reliable Internet connection available anywhere," said Ross Petrick, general manager for Alliance Communications.

The project will bring reliable broadband to homes, farms and businesses and create new telecommuting opportunities to

locations in northeastern Minnehaha County and southeastern Moody County along SD Highway 11. Network construction to approximately 65 homes and two businesses will begin this spring and will be completed late Fall 2019.

Initially, customers will be able to receive symmetrical speeds of up to 200 Mbps. The network will have the capacity to reach 1 Gbps when customer demand reaches that level.

"This area is currently lacking broadband services from both wireless and wireline providers," Petrick said. "The providers currently serving the area are battling aging facilities or great distances to core network facilities. Current speeds regularly don't exceed 3 Mbps and trouble calls take days or even weeks to fix."

This project will allow people to support their farming or dairy operations and provide new telecommuting opportunities, Petrick said. Many families in this area are experiencing the broadband homework gap today, and one large dairy operation is struggling with no broadband capability, he said.

The total project will cost roughly \$600,000, and the State of South Dakota is investing \$269,429 into the project.

"Alliance Communications would like to thank Gov. Kristi Noem and the Governor's Office of Economic Development," Petrick said. "We are honored to be selected as a grant recipient. Once the network is completed, these customers will have access to an elite communications network that will rival those found in America's largest cities."



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**Sunday, June 2:** 10:00  
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**Saturday, June 8:** 10:00  
 Adopt-A-Highway. Pizza will follow at Palisade Lutheran Church.

**Jasper Lutheran, Highland Lutheran, and First Lutheran of Sherman**

**Sunday, June 2**  
**Jasper Lutheran**

8:00 Worship/Communion  
 9:00 Fellowship/Breakfast  
**Highland Lutheran**  
 10:30 Worship Highland Communion

**United Church of Garretson Combined Congregation of United Methodist & United Church of Christ**

Pastors Brian & Julie Gregg

**Sunday, June 2**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
 10:30 a.m., Service  
 Coffee Fellowship following

**Zion Lutheran Church**

WEEKLY WORSHIP:  
 5:30 p.m. Saturdays,  
 9:00 a.m. Sundays.  
 Holy Communion on the first and third Saturday/Sunday. All are welcome!

**Schedule of Events:**  
**June 1st -9th**

**Sat. June 1st** Seventh Sunday of Easter  
 5:30 p.m. ~ Worship/Holy Communion  
 Baptisms: Alexander Charles & Zacharie James Olson

**Sun. June 2nd** Camp Sunday  
 8:15 a.m. ~ Coffee Bar in the Narthex  
 9:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship Service  
 10:05 a.m. ~ coffee  
**Thurs. June 6th** 10:05 a.m. ~ Bethany Meadows  
**Sat. June 8th** Pentecost  
 5:30 p.m. ~ Worship Service/Holy Communion  
**Sun. June 9th** 8:15 a.m. ~ Coffee Bar in the Narthex  
 9:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship Service/Holy Communion  
 10:05 a.m. ~ coffee

**The Renovation Church**

Pastor Tyler Ramsbey  
**Sunday, June 2**  
 10:00 AM Worship Service at the School

**St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church**

**Friday, May 31**  
 8 a.m. Daily Mass  
**Saturday, June 1**  
 4:00 p.m. Mass  
**Sunday, June 2**  
 10:30 a.m. Mass  
**Monday, June 3**  
 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
**Wednesday, June 5**  
 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

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**Provider Hours:**  
**May 31 - June 12**  
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**Monday, June 3:**  
 Dr. V. Larson, 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, June 5:**  
 Dr. Matt Herber, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Friday, June 7:**  
 Dr. Demetre Skliris, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
 Heidi Thoreson, PA-C, & DOT  
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**Monday, June 10:**  
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**Wednesday, June 12:**  
 Dr. Matt Herber, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

<b>May 30:</b>	7:00 PM - Soap-Making 8:30 PM Party- RSVP via Facebook	Glean for Good, Garretson
<b>June 1:</b>	12:00 PM - Pool Opening 8:00 PM Day 2:00 PM Powder puff game w/ Tri State Buffalos	Garretson Pool Sports Complex
<b>June 3:</b>	6:30 PM City Council Mtg 7:00 PM Blue Dragon Boosters Mtg	Henry G Fix #23 Legion Garretson School Library
<b>June 8:</b>	12:00 PM Beanbag Tournament for Team Tayden	The Bullet Bar, Sherman
<b>June 10:</b>	5:45 PM School Board Mtg	Garretson School Library
<b>June 14-16:</b>	<b>Jesse James Days</b>	Full schedule online VisitGarretson.com

**Upcoming Sports**  
*(Sporting events only displayed as space allows)*

<b>June 1:</b>	6:00 PM Tri-State Buffalos v Bulldogs	Sports Complex
<b>June 3:</b>	7:00 PM Legion Post 23 Baseball v Volga	Baseball Field

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The Post is asking people to donate the use of any memorabilia for use in displays in the Dugout during



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the Observance. The source of memorabilia would be labeled so as to give the donors credit for the display.

There would be signs posted to not handle the items except possibly photo albums which could be looked through to see the pictures. After the Observance is over, the items in the displays were would be immediately returned to the donor. The only items that are not encouraged in great numbers are uniforms. Uniforms are plentiful and would take a lot of space to display. It is asked that any items for display be brought to the Dugout by July 5.

For any further information contact Owen Wiese (594-3980) or Andy Lyngen (759-2726), or Brian Siemonsma (594-2395).

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# Minutes of the Minnehaha County Commissioners

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENE AT 9:00 A.M. May 21, 2019, pursuant to adjournment on May 14, 2019. Commissioners present were: Barth, Bender, Beninga, Heiberger, and Karsky. Also present were Olivia Larson, Commission Recorder, and Margaret Gillespie, Senior Deputy State's Attorney.

MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Beninga, to approve the agenda. 5 ayes.

### MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Barth, to amend Commissioner Heiberger's Liaison Report in the May 14, 2019, Regular Commission Meeting Minutes to reflect the title of the conference as the "Safety and Justice Challenge Network Conference". 5 ayes.

MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Karsky, to approve the minutes as amended. 5 ayes.

MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Beninga, to approve the May 14, 2019, Special Minnehaha County Area Tour Minutes. 5 ayes.

### VOUCHERS TO BE PAID

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Karsky, to approve the following bills totaling \$499,761.86. 5 ayes.

A&B Business Lease-Rental Agmt 87.89, Advanced Pest Maint Contracts 70.00, Airteq Jail Repairs & Maint 300.69, Airway Svc Auto/Small Equip 94.02, Airway Svc Gas Oil & Diesel 44.60, Anderson Publication Publishing Fees 1,043.49, Anderson, Jennifer Bd Evls (Minnehaha) 1,327.50, Argus Leader Subs Subscriptions 189.57, Argus Leader Media Professional Svcs 124.40, Automatic Building Coliseum Maint 344.00, Automatic Building HHS Maint 590.04, Automatic Building Jail Repairs & Maint 2,493.29, Automatic Building JDC Maint 575.00, Automatic Building Outside Repair 1,008.25, Automatic Building VOA Dakotas 330.00, Avera McKennan Attorney Fees 10,500.00, Avera McKennan Hospitals 1,687.67, Bauer Built Auto/Small Equip 40.00, Bechtel, David Welfare Rent 750.00, Belitz, Clarence H Welfare Rent 400.00, Braun, Mason Investigators Exps 84.00, Brentwood Apts Welfare Rent 488.29, C & R Supply Truck Repairs & Maint 97.76, Cartridge World Data Processing Supplies 439.96, Century Business Maint Contracts 118.84, Centurylink Contract Svcs 13.43, Centurylink Telephone 89.73, Chagolla, Albert Interpreters 25.00, Civil Design Architects & Engineers 6,988.75, Constellation Natural

Gas 11,937.70, Country View Mhc Welfare Rent 270.43, Dakota Fluid Power Auto/Small Equip 561.94, Dakotaland Auto-glass Auto/Small Equip 275.00, Deb Larson Sign Deposits 50.00, Dell Marketing HIDTA Grant 787.22, Dive Rescue Intl Education & Training 375.00, Dublin Square Apt Welfare Rent 800.00, Electric Innovations Outside Repair 1,072.00, Erpenbach, John E Clinics Auxiliary Svcs 125.00, Erpenbach, John E Other Charges 125.00, Erpenbach, John E Recruitment 650.00, Etterman Enterprises Small Tools & Shop Supplies 31.72, George, Aaron Motels 600.00, Geotek Engineering Architects & Engineers 1,042.50, Gonnerman, Adam Investigators Exps 37.80, Grainger Plumbing & Welding 259.34, Gunner, Andrea Court Reporters 90.00, Guzman, Sandra V Interpreters 25.00, Heimdal, Marie Ann Court Reporters 313.20, Hidden Hills Apt Welfare Rent 700.00, Horizon Apts Welfare Rent 690.00, Hov Svcs Micro-filming 276.20, Hughes Law Attorney Fees 342.00, Hughes Law Child Defense Attorney 497.00, Hurtgen, Timothy T Welfare Rent 398.00, I State Truck Center Parts Inventory 108.91, IBE Office Supplies 107.70, Interim Healthcare Professional Svcs 1,136.00, Interstate Office Office Supplies 318.87, Interstate Power Maint Contracts 257.00, Jastram, Mark Investigators Exps 23.94, John's Shoe Repair Safety & Rescue Equip 42.00, Johnson, Erin M Bd Evls (Minnehaha) 705.00, Johnson, Richard L Attorney Fees 1,139.94, Kathryn Cranbrook Attorney Fees 5,800.00, Katterhagen, Mark Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) 45.00, Knecht, Andrew J Attorney Fees 2,926.00, Kolbeck Law Attorney Fees 5,000.00, Kyra Enterprises Welfare Rent 500.00, Lamar Companies HIDTA Grant 350.00, Lance Warne Sign Deposits 50.00, Leaf Capital Funding Office Supplies 137.02, Lewis & Clark Behav Bd Evls (Yankton) 1,780.00, Lewno Law Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) 496.50, Lisa Carlson Report Court Reporters 64.00, Lockwood, Darcy Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) 45.00, Loving, Philip Bd Evls (Minnehaha) 3,232.50, Luverne Supermarket Welfare Food 36.23, Mac's Hardware Building Repairs & Maint 13.50, Make-It-Mine Designs Truck Repairs & Maint 996.69, McKesson Medical Clinics Auxiliary Svcs 412.70, Menard Building Repairs & Maint 138.03, Menard Park & Recreation Material 96.41, Menard Truck Repairs & Maint 55.60, Metro Communi-

cations Misc Exp 29,970.50, Mid-american Energy Welfare Utilities 420.00, Midwest Contracting Construction 20,310.03, Murray Properties Welfare Rent 500.00, Mustafa, Kalombo Welfare Rent 500.00, Napa Auto Parts Parts Inventory 199.53, Napa Auto Parts Small Tools & Shop Supplies 16.13, Natl Assn of School Memberships 40.00, Nebraska Salt & Grain Road Material Inventory 5,502.75, Newman Signs Sign Supply Inventory 1,431.73, Novak Office Supplies 36.50, Olivier Miles Holtz Attorney Fees 889.30, Osborn, Roxane R Court Reporters 546.75, Pfeifer Implement Recreation & Grounds Equip 9,200.00, Phoenix Supply Child Care Items 72.85, Pigott Furniture & Office Equip 482.52, Poms Tire Svc Auto/Small Equip 688.48, Price, Thomas L Attorney Fees 1,200.00, Prov 16:3 Bldg/Yard Repair & Maint 828.73, Quality Efficiencies Motels 1,175.00, Reynolds Law Child Defense Attorney 3,476.10, River Tower Apt Welfare Rent 500.00, Rod'S Property Mgmt Welfare Rent 1,440.00, Rolling Hills Welfare Rent 900.00, SD Assoc Of County Due To Other Governments 4,342.00, SF Leased Housing Welfare Rent 466.00, Sigler Fire Equip Jail Repairs & Maint 70.00, Sioux Falls City Contract Svcs 293,750.00, Sioux Falls City Water Sewer 850.25, Sioux Falls City Welfare Utilities 519.32, Sioux Valley Energy Welfare Utilities 203.47, Southeastern Behavior Crisis Intervention Program 6,510.66, St Francis House Professional Svcs 48.15, State of SD Amts Held-Daily Scram 3,828.00, State of SD Furniture & Office Equip 526.27, State of SD Misc Exp 155.00, State of SD Printing/Forms 25.50, State of SD Telephone 321.75, Stewart Title Attorney Fees (Repaid) 117.00, Stewart Title Welfare Recoveries 531.36, Strange Farrell John Child Defense Attorney 123.50, Takaski Real Estate Welfare Rent 500.00, Tandus Flooring Juvenile Detention Ctr 9,353.38, The Collins Group Memorial Day 1,094.56, Tiede, Pamela Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) 240.00, Tires Tires Gas Oil & Diesel 52.82, Tractor Supply Truck Repairs & Maint 275.98, Triangle Properties Welfare Rent 500.00, Trinity Point Welfare Rent 294.00, Tschetter & Adams Attorney Fees 548.01, Two Way Solutions Communication Equip Repair 3,798.91, Tzadik Welfare Rent 1,464.00, US Foods Other Supplies 25.11, US Foods Professional Svcs 461.03, Vash Properties Welfare Rent 1,000.00, VOA Welfare Rent 272.00, Wagner, Heidi Bd Evls (Minnehaha) 720.00, Walmart Stores Pharmacies 99.13, Walsh, Mike Business Travel 280.00, West Pointe Welfare Rent 500.00, Wheelco Truck Repairs & Maint 687.46, Xcel Energy Electricity 4,458.20, Xcel Energy Road Maint & Material 16.73, Xcel Energy Welfare Utilities 1,662.65, Yankton County Return Of Svc 50.00.

### REPORTS

The Siouxland Libraries Board

of Trustees Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2019, was received and placed on file in the Auditor's Office.

### PERSONNEL

MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Beninga, to approve the following personnel changes. 5 ayes.

#### New Hires

1. Terry Mixell as STI Security Officer for STI Security, at \$18.90/hour (13/1) effective 5/25/19.

2. Valerie Newhouse and Hannah Van Otterloo as Seasonal Intern for the Museum at \$9.50/hour effective 5/28/19 to 8/23/19.

3. Megan Hanson, variable hour Juvenile Correctional Worker for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$15.05/hour effective 5/28/19.

#### Promotions

1. Jason McCubbin, Road Maintenance Team Member to Maintenance Project Coordinator for the Highway, at \$21.92/hour (16/1) effective 5/13/19.

#### Step Increases

1. Kelly Leaver - Administrative Secretary - Human Services - 10/5 - 5/17/19 - \$17.98/hour

2. Corey Heise - Correctional Officer - Jail - 13/8 - 4/16/19 - \$22.47/hour

3. Kenneth Hasbrouck - Deputy Sheriff Sergeant - Jail - 20/4 - 4/16/19 - \$28.75/hour

4. Daniel Kistler - Chief Building Inspector - Planning - 19/6 - 5/12/19 - \$28.75/hour

5. Candace Steele - Tax and License Technician - Treasurer - 10/6 - 5/13/19 - \$18.44/hour

6. Elizabeth Bartmann - Tax and License Technician - Treasurer - 10/4 - 5/16/19 - \$17.54/hour

7. Karen Weeldreyer - Tax and License Supervisor - Treasurer - 16/6 - 5/9/19 - \$24.80/hour

#### Special Personnel Action

Upon the request of Carey Deaver, Human Resources Director, MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Karsky, to hire Carole James as a Senior Deputy State's Attorney for the State's Attorney's Office at \$3,171.20/bi-weekly (22/9) effective 5/22/19. 5 ayes.

### ABATEMENT

MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Heiberger, to approve the following property tax abatements for Arise Church, 3803 S Western Ave, Sioux Falls, representing tax exempt status: Parcel 57426, 2017 property taxes in the amount of \$391.85 and 2018 property taxes in the amount of \$2,501.44; Parcel 57427, 2017 property taxes in the amount of \$422.63 and 2018 property taxes in the amount of \$2,697.66; Parcel 57428, 2017 property taxes in the amount of \$600.53 and 2018 property taxes in the amount of \$3,840.94; and Parcel 57429, 2017 property taxes in the amount of \$600.53 and 2018 property taxes in the amount of \$3,840.94. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jamie Phelps, Quality Assurance and Improvement Manager, introduced Kathy Richardson as the new Veterans Service Officer. Ms. Richardson spoke on her previous work experience and her

excitement to work for the County.

Jay Masur, 25968 476th Ave, Sioux Falls, Med-Star Paramedic Ambulance President & CEO, thanked Commissioner Bender and Carol Muller, Commission Administrative Officer, for meeting with him to discuss funding. Additionally, Mr. Masur commented of Med-Star's work with a local cycle track and a recent news article in the Argus Leader regarding the work. Concerns were brought forward regarding comments made by Commissioner and the contents of the article. Commissioner Barth stated that he did make comments regarding Mr. Masur and his business. Commissioner Barth apologized for any additional problems that his comments caused for Mr. Masur.

### PRESENTATION

DJ Buthe, Highway Superintendent, presented completed projects and future opportunities as part of the 2019 Highway Department Update highlighting topics such as bridge inspections, highway reconstructions, corridor and transportation studies, drone and social media usage, wheel tax, software updates, project programming, safety projects, drone pilot certifications, and the building project.

### BID AWARD

DJ Buthe, Highway Superintendent, reported on the May 8, 2019, bid opening for Bid #19-11, Project MC16-02, Structure 50-072-100 and 50-070-098 replacements. Four bids were received from the following companies: Prahm Construction, Inc. at \$1,555,375.55; Graves Construction Company at \$1,642,556.01; Nolz Dragline & Construction, Inc. at \$1,752,361.35; and Duinick Inc. at \$2,077,031.85. Staff recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder, Prahm Construction, Inc. The engineer's estimate was \$1,690,655.35. MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Karsky, to award Bid #19-11, Project MC16-02, Structure 50-072-100 and 50-070-098 replacements to Prahm Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,555,375.55, and to authorize the Chair to sign the contractor contract. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

### PRESENTATIONS

Jason Gearman, Director of Emergency Management, gave a presentation on the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management highlighting the role of the department, the Police Reserve, the Rescue Squad, the Dive Team, and other services.

Jeff Gromer, Jail Warden, gave a presentation on the Minnehaha County Jail highlighting the mission, jail operations, the Electronic Monitoring Program, the 24/7 Program, medical and mental health care provided at the jail, and the Jail Expansion Project.

### AMENDMENT & AGREEMENT

Jeff Gromer, Jail Warden, presented two agreements pertaining to food service at the Minnehaha County Jail. The first is Amendment No. 4 to the Food Service and Commissary Agreement between Minnehaha County and CBM Managed Services now known as Summit Food Service LLC. The amendment is to renew the term of the agreement for one additional year and to increase the contract pricing based on the Consumer Price Index. The second is a Consent to Assignment and Assumption Agreement among Minnehaha County, CBM Management LLC, and Summit Food Service LLC. This agreement acknowledges that CBM Management LLC is a subsidiary of Summit Food Service LLC. Additionally, it acknowledges that

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Summit Food Service LLC agrees to assume the contract between Minnehaha County and CBM Management LLC. MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Barth, to authorize the Chair to sign Amendment No. 4 to the Food Service and Commissary Agreement to increase the contract pricing based on the Consumer Price Index "Food Away From Home Index" by 1.5% and to renew the term of the agreement beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020. 5 ayes. MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Barth, to authorize the Chair to sign the Consent to Assignment and Assumption Agreement among Minnehaha County, CBM Management LLC, and Summit Food Service LLC effective May 3, 2019. 5 ayes.

### BRIEFING

Pam Nelson, Treasurer, and Kelli Nyhof, Assistant Treasurer, gave a briefing on the Treasurer's Office's role in the Tax Deed process. Commissioners Heiberger and Barth inquired about the County's liability relating to tax deed properties. Margaret Gillespie, Senior Deputy State's Attorney, stated that if any of the Commissioners want to ask a legal question in that regard, then they can contact the State's Attorney's Office to have a legal opinion issued.

### RESOLUTION

Commissioner Heiberger, requested authorization to participate in the Sioux Empire Leadership Council. The council will be a joint collaboration of community leaders to better serve the community through the following: the promotion of collaboration among city, county, state, education, and community stakeholders; identifying and prioritizing strategies to improve quality of life; seeking and sustaining innovative program funding; establishing and measuring performance; and advising and coordinating joint projects, programs, and services. The first project for the council will be the Triage Center as it moves from concept to reality. Sheriff Mike Milstead and Second Judicial Circuit Presiding Judge Robin Houwman spoke on their support for the establishment of the council. MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Barth, to approve Resolution MC19-16, Establishment of the Sioux Empire Leadership Council. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

### RESOLUTION MC19-16

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF SIOUX EMPIRE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

WHEREAS, this agreement is entered into between the Minnehaha County, Lincoln County, Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Unified Judicial System - 2nd Circuit, City of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls Public School District, Avera Health, Sanford Health, Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, and Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation for the purpose of establishing a Sioux Empire Leadership Council to discuss, prioritize, develop, and/or direct projects that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

WHEREAS, leadership of the Sioux Empire, both public and private stakeholders, at all levels, are challenged by declining revenues and shrinking budgets while also facing increasingly complex problems. Collaboration across community sectors can promote efficiency by identifying issues being addressed by multiple agencies and fostering discussion of how agencies can share resources and reduce re-

dundancies, thus potentially decreasing costs and improving performance and outcomes.

THEREFORE, the Council will collaborate to align policies and leverage cross-resources as appropriate.

THEREFORE, the Council will be established to benefit our citizens and community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Sioux Empire Leadership Council purpose is to better serve our community through: employing collaboration, supporting innovation, and making decisions based on research and data to minimize duplication, provide better community and program outcomes, and use funding more efficiently.

Employing innovation and technology across all sectors to support community development. Dated this 21st day of May 2019.

Signed By:

Jean Bender

Minnehaha County Commission

To Be Signed By:

Mike Milstead, Sheriff, Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office; Lincoln County Commission; Steve Swensen, Sheriff, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office; Paul TenHanken, Sioux Falls Mayor; Sioux Falls City Council; Robin J. Houwman, Presiding Judge, Second Judicial Circuit, Unified Judicial System; Jason Ball, President/CEO Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce; Kent Albery, Sioux Falls School Board; Andy Patterson, President, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation; Avera Health; and Sanford Health

1 Rudolph, L. C.-M. (2013). Health in All Policies: A Guide for Local Government. Washington, DC and Oakland, CA: American Public Health Association and Public.

### LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Heiberger provided a handout and reported on the Re-imagining Juvenile Justice group that the State Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative group has been working on to provide training modules in Pierre.

Commissioner Heiberger reported on attending the Justice & Safety Challenge Network Conference where attendees, under the MacArthur Foundation Grant, came together with a shared focus to discuss topics such as triage, racial and ethnic fairness, communication strategies, and community engagement.

Commissioner Barth reported on attending the May 20, 2019, Field Tiling Discussion hosted by the Corn Growers where topics such as drainage, climate, and the size of culverts and bridges were discussed.

Commissioner Barth reported on the May 20, 2019, Planning Commission Meeting where the joint meeting with the City of Sioux Falls was postponed due to the lack of a quorum. At the meeting, items such as a gravel pit near Hartford and the effect of moving building eligibilities on rural residents were discussed.

Commissioner Beninga reported on last week's meetings with the following: the Building Management Group, the Public Advocate's Office, the Fair Board, and the Information Technology Department. Campus growth and operational related issues were discussed.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Heiberger, to adjourn. 5 ayes.

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Jean Bender

Chair

ATTEST:  
Olivia Larson  
Deputy Auditor

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## NOTICE OF HEARING:

### UPON APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in the Minnehaha County Commission Meeting Room, County Administration Building, 415 N. Dakota Ave., Sioux Falls, South Dakota on June 11, 2019, at or after 9:00 a.m., to consider the application for the following Special Event On-Sale Liquor License:

#### NAME

Prairie Pasta Inc  
dba Johnny Carino's  
2310 S Louise Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

#### LOCATION

Riviera Event Center  
26665 481st Ave  
Brandon, SD 57005

#### DATES OF EVENT

September 14, 2019

At which time and place anyone interested may appear to file objections to the granting of the same.

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this 17th day of May 2019.

- Robert Litz, County Auditor  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE LAND EXCHANGE FOR BOARD OF REGENTS

Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law, Chapter 5-3-7 and House Bill 1064 of the 2018 Legislative Session, the following described parcels of State land and nonstate land have been professionally appraised and will be offered for exchange.

Certain property in Minnehaha County generally described as:

#### Property to be acquired

Certain Property in Minnehaha County generally described as Tract 1A, Lot 1A, Menard's Addition to the City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota; Parcel ID 84094; also known as: 4101 W. 38th Street, Sioux Falls, SD,

#### Property to be exchanged

All unplatted land located in the South Half of Section 15, Township 101 North, Range 49 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Minnehaha County South Dakota, also known as the SD School for the Deaf

The public is invited to submit written comments on or about the proposed exchange, comments must be received by Monday, June 3rd, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

A conditional exchange agreement has been submitted to the SD Board of Regents for the exchange of property and cash equalization paid to the state for

the agreed value which is equal to or greater than the appraised price according to law.

Written comments and public comments at the hearing will be delivered to the Governor for final decision regarding the exchange.

Comments must be sent to:  
SD School and Public Lands  
Ryan Brunner, Commissioner  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

Public hearing will be held June 3rd, 2019 at the location listed below:

SD School for the Deaf, Conference Center, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM  
2001 East 8th Street Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Ryan Brunner with the Office of School and Public Lands at 605-773-3303

Individuals in need of assistance pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact School and Public Lands at 605-773-3303 at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing to make any necessary arrangements.

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## NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Garretson City Council, acting as a Board of Adjustment, will hold a public hearing on the 3rd day of June, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Garretson American Legion to consider the request for a deck on the front of the home requiring a variance on said property.

The legal description is: 55410 Garretson Royce's 1st Addition, Lots 37-40 Block 4 and S1/2 Vacated Alley lying adjacent parcel 23163, City of Garretson, Minnehaha County, South Dakota (404 Dows Street) has applied for a variance on said property. The variance will allow for the construction of a front deck measuring up to 8'x8' on the front of the house.

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

Dated this 16th day of April, 2019.

Anna N. Uhl  
Finance Officer

Published twice at the approximate cost of \$21.29 5-30-19-2tc

## NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Garretson City Council, acting as a Board of Adjustment, will hold a public hearing on the 3rd day of June, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Garretson American Legion to consider the request for a smaller front footage on the lots requiring a variance on said property.

The legal description is: Block 1, Lots 2-6 and Block 3, Lots 2-6 of the Valley View Addition to the City of Garretson, Minnehaha County, South Dakota has applied for a variance on said property. The variance will allow for the construction homes on lots with a 60' front footage

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

Dated this 16th day of April, 2019.

Anna N. Uhl, Finance Officer

Published twice at the approximate cost of \$20.07 5-30-19-2tc

## NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Garretson City Council, acting as a Board of Adjustment, will hold a public hearing on the 3rd day of June, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion to consider the variance request for a fence to go in the front of home to protect windows from rocks on said property

The legal description is: S1/2 Vacated Alley lying adjacent and Lots 32-33, Block 4 Royce's 1st Addition to the City of Garretson, Minnehaha County, South Dakota (308 Dows St).

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

Dated this 20th day of May, 2019.

Anna N. Uhl  
Finance Officer

Published twice at the approximate cost of \$17.64 5-23-19-2tc

## NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Garretson City Council, acting as a Board of Adjustment, will hold a public hearing on the 5th day of May, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Garretson American Legion to consider the request for a deck on the front of the home requiring a variance on said property.

The legal description is: 55410 Garretson Royce's 1st Addition, Lots 37-40 Block 4 and S1/2 Vacated Alley lying adjacent parcel 23163, City of Garretson, Minnehaha County, South Dakota (404 Dows Street) has applied for a variance on said property. The variance will allow for the construction of a front deck measuring up to 8'x8' on the front of the house.

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

Dated this 16th day of April, 2019.

Anna N. Uhl  
Finance Officer

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The legal description is: Block 1, Lots 2-6 and Block 3, Lots 2-6 of the Valley View Addition to the City of Garretson, Minnehaha County, South Dakota has applied for a variance on said property. The variance will allow for the construction homes on lots with a 60' front footage

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

Dated this 16th day of April, 2019.

Anna N. Uhl  
Finance Officer

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# Obituaries

## Donald Kenneth Etrheim, 91

Donald Kenneth Etrheim was born (and baptized) on December 1, 1928 to Norwegian immigrants Sven and Randveig "Randy" (Gjeide) Etrheim on the family farm in Rock County, MN, near Valley Springs, SD. He was the first born American Citizen in the family. The family moved to Balaton, MN where he attended country school and then Balaton High School.

He was confirmed at the Florence Lutheran Church in Florence, MN. He helped on the family farm and for neighboring farmers and had many 4-H projects. In 1945, the family moved to Jasper, MN and Donald attended Jasper High School, graduating in 1947.

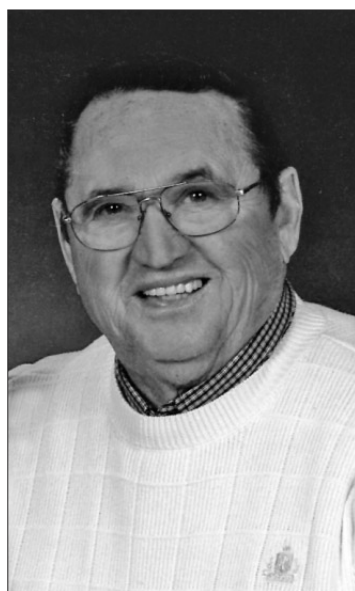
In December 1950, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He served on the USS Piedmont AD 17 for four years making many lasting friendships. He received his honorable discharge and returned to Jasper to farm.

On June 1, 1957, he was united in marriage to Devonna Zweep in Garretson, SD. They made their home on a farm east of Jasper. The couple was married for 61 years. Donald enjoyed dancing, especially Polkas and Waltzes.

He always said, "You can't be sad dancing." He also enjoyed reading Louis L'Amour books, bowling, and helping friends. Near retirement, Donald learned to make lefse, candy, and cookies. He gave most of these treats away to family and friends. His favorite foods to eat were chocolate candy, sour cream raisin pie, lutefisk, and ice cream to fill in the cracks after a meal.

Donald really enjoyed attending the activities and events of his children and grandchildren. The great-grandchildren brought many smiles and his heart was big with his love for them all. In 1999, he retired after a Traumatic Brain Injury accident. After 2 1/2 years of physical therapy he was able to enjoy life again. During his recovery he found strength and comfort reading the passage printed on the back of this folder.

Donald was an active member of the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jasper. He was a charter member of the Arthur Moeller American Legion Post #478 of Hardwick,



MN, and a life-long member of the Pipestone VFW Post #3814. He was also a member of the Jasper Lions Club, the Eden Rural Fire Board, the Ihlen Senior Citizens, the Sons of Norway, and the Hollyhock Square Dance Club.

In April of 2018, Donald entered into the care of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne, MN. He passed away peacefully there, surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the age of 90 years, five months, and 20 days.

Donald is lovingly remembered by his wife of 61 years, Devonna of Jasper; five children, Bryan (Donna) Etrheim of Garretson, Robert (Lori) Etrheim of Tyler, MN, Dianne (Brad) Johnson of Russell, MN, Daniel (Chrisann) Etrheim of Brandon, SD, and John (Sheila) Etrheim of Sioux Falls, SD; 16 grandchildren, Nicole (Dave) Trudeau, Tyler (Denielle) Etrheim, Lindsey and Austin Etrheim, Chelsey (Josh) Jackson and Brant (Liz) Etrheim, Rachel, Krista and Ross Johnson, Charissa, Trey and Brooke Etrheim, Brody, Megan, Elise and Griffin Etrheim; five great-grandchildren, Eli, Audrey, Oakley, Emery, Hadley; one brother, Harold (Dallas) Etrheim of Hardwick, MN; sisters-in-law, Shirley Etrheim of LaCrescent, MN, and Darlene Zweep of Garretson; and one brother-in-law, Donald Zweep of Brandon. Donald was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James and Roger (Jeanette) Etrheim; a sister, Beverly (Dale) Radi; one sister-in-law, Flora Zweep; one brother-in-law, Lloyd Zweep; and his mother and father-in-law, John and Katie Zweep.

Arrangements are with the Hartquist Funeral Home - Pipestone Chapel

## Clarence "Corney" L. Fiegen, 83

Clarence "Corney" L. Fiegen, 83, of Garretson, passed away on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the Dells Nursing and Rehab Center. His Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in St. Mary Catholic Church, Dell Rapids. Visitation with the family present was on Monday, May 20, 2019 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Kahler Funeral Home. The Christian Wake Service was at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Catholic Order of Foresters Rosary. [www.kahlerfh.com](http://www.kahlerfh.com)

Clarence was born on November 25, 1935 in rural Egan to Sylvester and Agnes (Bowar) Fiegen. He grew up on a farm near Dell Rapids and graduated from St. Mary High School in 1954. After graduation, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 1957.

He married Phyllis Walz on February 15, 1958. The couple farmed in the Dell Rapids area from 1958-2014.

He was an active member of St. Mary Catholic Church, the National Farmers Organization, Catholic Order of Foresters, the St. Mary School Board and the Dell Rapids American Legion Post. He enjoyed wintering in Arizona and loved to dance, fish and farm. He loved Pepsi, popcorn and Snickers.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his two sisters, Lorraine Goedken and Alice



Thomas.

Corney is survived by his wife of 61 years, Phyllis; his children, Tom Fiegen of Clarence, IA, Terry (Martha) Fiegen of Sioux Falls, Tim (Kristie) Fiegen of Sioux Falls, Jean (Jeff) Fiegen Ordal of Colton, Joan (Tom) Wolles of Colton, Ted (Judy) Fiegen of Sioux Falls, Todd (Monica) Fiegen of Ethan, Julie (Dave) Price of Dell Rapids, Tad (Brenda) Fiegen of Garretson, Janet (Kevin) Fods of Colton and Travis (Char) Fiegen of Canistota; his 39 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; his brother, Don (Marlene) Fiegen of LaCrescent, MN; his sister, Barb (Ron) Walters of Henderson, MN and his many friends and extended family.

Memorials can be directed to the St. Mary Building Fund.

## Ask The Motor Medics

Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood Show



For entertainment Only  
Always consult your local shop and follow all safety procedures before repairs.  
Come visit the Motor Medics online @  
[Underthehoodshow.com](http://Underthehoodshow.com)

Dear Motor Medics,

We have a new driver in the family, our teenage daughter. She will start driving on her own in a few weeks and we have spent many hours with her teaching the skills of driving.

We feel that she is very responsible for her age and will be a responsible driver but we would like your advice on how we can teach her to deal with a few common emergencies that a teenager might face when starting out on the road alone for the first time.

-Shelby in Carroll Iowa  
Dear Shelby,

There are many things about common vehicle emer-

gencies that a new driver and even a well-seasoned one can benefit from knowing. Some problems can be prevented with focused driving. A driver who is aware of their surroundings can avoid many common problems.

First off, many teens I speak to don't know what to do about a flat tire. This is one of the easiest things to take care of but without proper knowledge can be very intimidating and even dangerous.

Go over the procedures for installing a spare and don't forget safety first like making sure the car is in a safe location before attempting a change. Six inches from the edge of a busy highway is not safe.

In general, think of all the issues you have dealt with in your daily driving and teach them before it happens. Dead battery, out of gas, locked out of car, etc.

-Take care, the Motor Medics  
Dear Motor Medics,

I get pulled over often by

the police and although a lot of the time I either get no ticket or just a warning I just don't understand why they seem to target me.

I drive a Honda Accord Sedan that's silver so it's not flashy and I rarely speed. Are there certain things that trigger getting pulled over more than others?

-Jesse in Martinsville Virginia

Dear Jesse,

You just must have one of those magnetic attractions, one that attracts officers. You could take a cab, or you could avoid some common mistakes.

If you are getting pulled over often you must be doing something to attract attention to yourself. Here are just a few things that will draw attention.

Being the only car on the road, this puts all eyes on you. Passing too quickly, by darting out, around, and back in quickly, it looks like you are traveling faster than you may be. If you are traveling too fast, slow down. Loud music and dark tinted windows, and loud exhaust never help either.

In general, you want to be as incognito as possible. Don't draw unneeded attention to yourself. If you do get pulled over the number one way to avoid that ticket is to be polite. The officers are doing their jobs and will be making the choice of ticket or not. Being rude is a surefire way of making sure they do their job as thoroughly as possible.

-Take care, the Motor Medics

## Host a foreign student

A host family is being sought in the Garretson area for a foreign exchange student. Foreign exchange students become integrated with the family, and she is looking forward to painting, drawing, and singing in the Garretson community.

Inessa said that she adores children, is described by her teachers as curious and responsible, and speaks Armenian and Russian.

She says, "I live in a small town and I love everything about that...I really want to experience living in a completely different and foreign environment and to be immersed in a different culture."

If you are interested in hosting this student, please contact Lilah Meier, American Cultural Exchange Service's local coordinator at 507-215-0864 or [lamptl77@yahoo.com](mailto:lamptl77@yahoo.com).



## Garretson Area Historical Society Update:

The Garretson Area Historical Society met April 22 at the museum. Members present were Barb Marsh, Judy Hanson, Bruce Brown, Gloria Sanders, Jim Kurtz, Chris Engebretson, and Oran Sorenson. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

**Old business:** A discussion was held regarding the tuck pointing, as the board had questions about the work performed by Heineman Construction. The contractor visited and rectified the areas of concern, therefore the motion was made to pay the contractor - motion carried.

**New business:**

1. There was discussion of whether the museum should, or could be, open when the construction work is being performed on Main Avenue and Third Street. The Board's understanding is that this work will also involve the sidewalks being removed and replaced, which would make it difficult to access the museum. We will know more later.

2. We discussed a proposal from Steve's Electric to upgrade the electrical service in the museum. The proposal involves removing the fuse boxes and replacing them with a new main circuit breaker panel and two sub-panels in the basement.

We wondered about the need for wiring replacement. The motion was made to approve the proposal pending a meeting with Steve.

3. Since Main Street will be under construction during Jesse James Days, the GAHS will not be able to host its popular walking taco feed outside the museum this year, with the presumption that it would be postponed until next year. However, more recently there was some discussion about potentially renting space from Zion Lutheran Church. The Board will continue to keep an eye on the logistical details and discuss this further at our next meeting.

Oran Sorenson brought a box of assorted memorabilia about the Eitrem Brothers and Garretson which he had purchased via the estate of Gertrude Eitrem (daughter of Joe and Selma). The cost was \$60. The

Board agreed that GAHS should not set the precedence of paying for museum exhibits, but agreed to provide a year's membership to Oran in exchange for the material. Thank you Oran.

**CLEANING DAY** is Saturday, May 3 at 9 a.m. Bring rags and buckets. See you there!

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28th at 7 PM at the museum.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Marsh and Chris Engebretson.

## We are better together than we are alone.

*Editor's Note: South Dakota journalist and First Amendment champion Brian Hunhoff gave the keynote speech this spring at a Sioux Falls naturalization ceremony for new citizens.*

*By Brian Hunhoff*

We are better together than we are alone. It was one of many thoughts that crossed my mind as I gave a speech at a ceremony welcoming new citizens from 40 different countries to these United States.

It was my first time at a naturalization ceremony. I wish everyone in America could experience it.

I wish everyone could see the joy and pride shining in the faces of those 237 new Americans.

I wish everyone could see how eager and excited they are to be here, and how much energy they bring to our country.

I wish everyone could see the powerful level of gratitude they expressed to officials in attendance.

If everyone had witnessed that ceremony, I think we would have less discord about immigration in this "great land of liberty."

I invited a xenophobic friend of mine from Sioux Falls to attend, but he declined. "I don't know any of those people personally" and "I'm not really in favor of them coming here," he said.

After an exasperated sigh, I remembered his words were not an unusual thing to hear in South Dakota these days. In recent years, our country's acceptance of people different from us has steadily declined.

Mesfin Yilma from Ethiopia wrote me the day after the ceremony, saying, "Dear sir, I was very impressed and enjoyed your speech. Our country needs a person like you - honest, kind and faithful. God bless you."

My favorite part of his note was when Mr. Yilma used the words, "our country." I could easily turn the tables on my new friend and say, "No, our country needs more people like you, Mesfin."

I am one of the lucky ones. I was born here. My citizenship came easy. It was a birthright. The same is true of most U.S. citizens. Just six percent are naturalized. Just six percent took the path less traveled and became Americans the hard way.

It's not an easy or fast process. Most worked and waited years to join us. They became Americans through sacrifice, determination and vision of a better life. After their long journey to achieve it, they are unlikely to take the blessing of citizenship lightly.

And it is a blessing. America means equal opportunity and pursuit of happiness. America means rich and poor have the same rights. We support truth, justice and the rule of law. And no one in America - not even the President - is above that law.

Following is part of my speech to our new citizens, titled, "Journey to America the Great."

America's greatest achievements are not skyscrapers or jets. Our strength lies in our compassion, in our communities, where our people care for one another; where neighbors help neighbors - and strangers - in times of need.

America is big cities and small towns; cornfields and main streets; veterans and nurses; teachers and truck drivers; factory workers, farmers and firefighters.

America is working one place 40 years or changing jobs every year if you want to. America is open government and voting and running for office if you want to.

America is a nation of immigrants, multi-cultural by design. We should be a celebration of diversity. America should mean respect and dignity for all people. America is red, white and blue. We're also black, white and brown.

America is Democrats and Republicans and Independents. America is any religion or no religion - the right to pray freely or not pray at all. America means liberty to be who we want to be and fighting for that freedom if need be. It means standing up to bullies who disguise bigotry and cruelty as patriotism.

America is a place we rise



above that which separates us to build a stronger nation on that which unites us.

America is also hard to please. We like to complain. Polls show many think our country is on the wrong track. We sometimes have to stop and look around to remember we would not want to live anywhere else.

Our leaders in America disappoint us at times. I speak out when that happens, but I never lose hope and pride in our country. We're not defined by a single leader. We're bigger and better than one person or moment in time.

We can bring our polarized country closer together by rediscovering shared values like freedom and equality. Those principles are more important than partisan beliefs that divide us.

I told a co-worker I was writing a speech called 'Journey to America the Great.' He laughed and said, "I'd call it 'America the Corrupt' or 'America the Greedy.'"

Well, America is not perfect. But America is great. And we're better than we were. Slavery was one of this country's original sins. Horrible treatment of American Indians was another. We moved forward and became better by admitting our mistakes and not forgetting those shameful chapters in American history.

As William Faulkner wrote, "The past is not dead. It isn't even past."

My cynical friend's father

was a WWII veteran, so he knows America is capable of greatness. Next year, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote in this country - Aug. 18, 1920. That was another time we became better than we were. Just imagine how much the combined intelligence of our nation's voters increased that day!

Neil Armstrong's 1969 walk on the moon was another great moment ... Rosa Parks refusing to give a white man her seat on an Alabama bus in 1955. Her isolated moment of courage has been making a difference ever since.

America has a great big heart and a strong heartbeat. We still inspire democracy and human rights in other countries. We still enjoy the liberty to make our own American dreams come true.

Congratulations on becoming United States citizens. Thank you for taking the journey to this day. It's a supreme achievement. We're proud of you.

I hope all 237 of you will be active citizens. We need people with your perseverance and fresh perspectives to help solve America's problems. We need your courage and commitment to help us keep our flame of freedom burning bright.

God bless you and God bless America the beautiful, which has been great since 1776.

Our country became even greater and more beautiful that day, because of you.



## Legion History:

CHAPTER 76 1993-1994

Jim Kurtz Commander

In April shortly after Commander Kurtz was elected, South Dakota Governor George Mickelson and seven other State officials were killed in a plane crash. Commander Kurtz led a Memorial Ceremony for them at the Garretson School on April 19.

For the Sports Day celebration a dance was held at the Dugout with small attendance. There were about 20 booths set up by various Garretson groups offering things for sale, various games and other attractions. A Street dance was held later in the summer in cooperation with the JC's, but it too was not very successful.

Boys Staters were Brian Quamen and Michael Clark.

A donation of \$500 for the baseball program was received from Splitrock Telecom.

Commander Kurtz was appointed to a position on the Department Educational Loan Board of Directors.

The Department was sponsoring a booth at the Sioux Empire County Fair in Sioux Falls, the purpose of which was to inform people of what the Legion does and what it stands for. Each Post was assigned a period to man the booth and Henry G Fix Post did its assigned period.

Veterans Day was celebrated with a dinner and dance which drew a good size crowd and everyone had a good time.

It was decided to have just one poultry party in Nov. and to have three pancake breakfasts during the new year.

Veterans who died in 1993 were: Ed Wiepking, Earl Albers, Gil Haugen, Arthur Johnson, and Lewis Henjum.

March 19 was the 75th Birthday of the American Legion. The Post made a donation to the Ambulance Service.

### Chapter 77 1994-1995

Larry Engebretson,  
Commander.

Memorial Day was celebrated with a very good crowd.

The first task for Commander Engebretson was to finish the planning for the Street Dance which was held in conjunction with Sports Days and with the cooperation of the JC's. It was very successful and there was very little trouble.

Afterwards the fencing, cattle panels and components for the eat stand were stored at Gale Larson's farm.

The 1994 Boys Staters were Mathew Jacobson and Troy Williamson.

The Chicken and Sweetcorn dinner in August was well attended and enjoyed by all. Tom and LaVonne Willems did a great job of organizing and serving it.

The Dugout was used by the School for various functions and later in the year was used by the Jr. and Senior classes for their After Prom Party.

The 75th Birthday of the Legion was celebrated on Veterans Day with a dinner and dance to which the public was invited.

Veterans who died in 1994 were: Dennis Hove, Clayton Jastram, Joe Silvernagel, Ruben Evans and the last World War I veteran, Ben Wangness.

In the spring the pinocle tournament went well and the bowlers had fun at the tournament.

### Chapter 78 1995-1996

Larry Erickson,  
Commander

June was busy with a flag disposal ceremony and July 15 the Sports Day and Street Dance which again was very popular with 3400 people through the gate. There were again about 20 booths operated by community organizations. The profit from the Dance was divided with the JC's and both received good sums.

In August there was a Car Show on Main Street at which the Legion helped.

The 1995 Boys Staters were Brian Larson and Nathan Risty.

In August a leak was discovered in the roof, a problem which would plague the Dugout many times in the future.

In September the plaque with all four names of Viet Nam casualties was placed on the Memorial.

The monthly Sunday Breakfasts were started in Sept., the poultry parties were successful and the Veterans Day Dinner and Dance was a success as well as the New Years Eve Dinner and Dance.

Veterans who died in 1995 were: Paul Lubke, Dorothy VanLiersberg, Orville Sunde, and Ted Dalgaard.

In the winter there were continuations of the pancake breakfasts, the pinocle tournament and the bowling tournament, all activities that provide fun and enjoyment for a lot of people.

### CLASS REUNION FOR THE 1959 GRADUATES

THE OLD SAYING-"TIME FLIES WHEN YOU ARE HAVING FUN" IS THE STATEMENT THE 1959 CLASS WANTS YOU TO REMEMBER. Why? Because time has brought them to their 60th class reunion on June 15 during Jesse James Days. Weather permitting they will meet at the football fields at 10:30 to ride in the parade in a wagon drawn by the Kringen's Percherons, REX AND ROUTIE.

After the parade, the class is on their own for dinner in town and to see the activities going on. Due to the main street construction, the tour of the museum has been cancelled. We will meet again @ 1:30 at the SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER to share old times, partake of refreshments, look at old annuals, scrapbooks, and memories from the 125th centennial. A Photo Booth with props will be available for your fun.

At 6:00 a catered supper will be held, after which a short program will be held. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO VISIT ANY OF THE CLASS MEMBERS BETWEEN 1:30 AND 5:00. - Sharon Kringen

### Kindness means building bridges instead of walls

by Kelsey Keegan Blue Ink,  
Guest Editorial

I'm now a graduated senior here at Garretson school and I have seen many bridges being built this school year.

I have seen many kindness activity walls and bulletin boards throughout the school walls with positive notes and with students being caught being kind in some way.

Some of the community kindness has been the FFA plan the meals of Hope event. Donations from Alliance

has made possible for viewers to watch TV School events on 230.

Garretson has given hope, and life by giving blood support for the community bloodmobile drive several times each year.

Garretson school district does a backpack program so children are getting nutritional food on the weekends.

Lots of fundraising events to help with the progress of building the Blue Dragons Academy.

Garretson community in the past has done a community Relay- For-Life at the track to raise the money to help fight cancer and find a cure. This community does do many more kind things that I can't even list them all.

Garretson also had a day this Spring when school students and the community have Pride Day. Pride Day is when lots of Spring cleaning is done not only on school grounds but all around town. From raking, picking up garbage, stacking branches, scraping and painting, landscaping, and much more. Kind words or kind actions can be short and easy to speak or do but their echoes and the memories are truly endless. So be that person to honor by making kindness a way of life.

### Controversial bill pops up in multiple states:

#### Men shouldn't be making laws on women's bodies

by Nobel Nothstine, Blue Ink  
Guest Editorial

Georgia, Ohio, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Alabama. Abortion is a topic that has been poked and prodded at by anti-abortion

followers for years, but in the past three months, these five states have adopted regulation that severely restricts access to abortion. In some cases, these laws restrict abortion access as early as six weeks into a pregnancy (by that time, most women do not even suspect they're pregnant).

In Alabama, their newly passed law bans abortion in almost all cases (no exceptions for rape or incest) and additionally institutes up to a 99-year prison sentence for doctors who illegally perform the procedure. Additionally, the Alabama House passed a bill on Wednesday requiring doctors to try to save the life of a baby born after an attempted abortion or face up to 20 years in prison.

These laws have caused outrage on social media, and has gained coverage across the US. Seemingly because these mark the most direct challenge to Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that instituted the constitutional right to abortion until the fetus reaches viability (24 weeks of pregnancy).

For the first time, successfully challenging Roe v. Wade and banning abortion outright seems realistic, as the US has a recently established five-justice conservative majority on the Supreme Court.

Tony Johnson, a social studies teacher at GHS stated, "I'd be very surprised if these issues do not make it to the Supreme Court in the near future. Like many other issues that we hopefully remember from history and government classes, the courts will ultimately decide whether states have the right to pass certain laws, and whether those laws violate constitutional rights. I'm not

so sure of the direction of the effect though, since so many people are pretty firmly entrenched in their opinions on these issues."

The Alabama law has specifically caused controversy because it's the most drastic law of the five states, and bans on abortions in the first trimester of a pregnancy (before 13 weeks) aren't in line with most Americans' views on abortion. According to a 2018 poll, nearly 80 percent of voting-registered Americans think abortion should be legal (in at least some circumstances).

With regards to the other four states, their laws didn't directly challenge the constitutional right to abortion; rather, they imposed regulations on clinics and abortion doctors while adding requirements like mandatory ultrasounds, counseling, and waiting periods. These restrictions and requirements make the entire process much more difficult, time consuming, and expensive.

There has also been controversy in the South with laws being passed that prohibit or ban same-sex couple adoptions on "religious grounds." This will greatly influence the adoption rate, as the amount of children in the system is sure to sky-rocket, whilst the amount of viable adopters will plummet.

Though the Alabama governor is a woman and signed off on this law, the rest of the "political experts" and legislation behind the Alabama Abortion Law are all white men. In 2020, we will have the opportunity to speak up. Register to vote and re-institute women's right to have a choice - apply for offices and elect women equally into every legislative branch. We have to fight for a truly free future.

## Renew. Rejoice. Reflect.

### AVERA BREAST CANCER CONFERENCE

After a breast cancer diagnosis, you need support from others who know what you're experiencing. Register for this interactive conference for cancer survivors and caregivers and enjoy a day of renewal and reflection.

Friday, June 14  
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch included  
(Registration opens at 8:15 a.m.)

Prairie Center  
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Avera 

Keynote speaker: Heidi Marble

Survivor and author will speak on the topic of "Butterfly Life" and the importance of embracing change

Cost: Donation Suggested

Proceeds benefiting Avera Foundation to support cancer care for local patients



Register online at [Avera.org/breastcancerconference](https://Avera.org/breastcancerconference)





## Class of 2031 Starts Saving for Prom

Time flies. This is the class of 2031. Though we don't know what the future holds for them, they do have a start on their class funds for prom 11 years from now. First Bank and Trust recently donated \$500 to the after-prom fund, and the Garretson PTO donated \$100. Back row: John Brinkman, First Bank & Trust, Emily Bucher representing the Garretson School District, and Kathi Brady representing Garretson PTO. Students, fifth row (L to R): Emmy Pierce, Kendra Jessen, Charlyze Ockenga, Angie Clark, Avy Radford, Jessa Larson, Canyon White, Austin Panning. Fourth row (L to R): Laramie Wylie, Hailey Anderson, Lucy Petrick, Aspyn Otto, Jazman Hewer, Kennedy Heesh, Max Sysa, Ellie Casper. Third row (L to R): Mateo DeLoera Colis, Hayden Devine, Leif Moritz, Zoey Noren, Andru DeLaTorre Carver, Remi St. Sauver, Braelynn Johansen. Second row (L to R): Drew Stiefvater, Mikayla Moulton, Kacen Chester, Marius Edmundson, Carson Braaze, Jevonte McInroy, Hayleigh Donovan, Bryce Howe. First row (L to R): Drew Ellefson, Ember Nielsen, Caylix Buchholz, Xavier Rodengen, Kalla Edmundson, Ariel Roth, John Reckstad.

## Call for Blood Donors at the Garretson Community Blood Drive

Garretson, SD- Garretson Fire Department and Community Blood Bank will host the Garretson community blood drive on Saturday, June 15 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Blood donation are needed immediately to help with summer blood shortages within the community. All who donate will receive a special All American blood donor t-shirt.

"The beginning of the summer has been one of the most difficult times to keep up with the demand for blood in recent years," states Ken Versteeg, Executive Director, Community Blood Bank. "We have seen such a significant increase in usage through the treatment of surgery and cancer patients. Currently, there is an outpacing of usage over collections. Our hope is that we see a strong showing of support for the blood drive at the Garretson Fire Hall."

Community Blood Bank supplies over 550 units of

blood each week to people in the region. Among those who benefit from donated blood are trauma and burn victims, cancer patients and persons undergoing surgery. Donating blood is a simple way to save patients' lives in the community. Without volunteer blood donors donating blood throughout the summer, it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain an adequate supply of blood for our community hospitals.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 years old with a signed parent consent form found at [www.cbblifeblood.org](http://www.cbblifeblood.org)), weigh 110 lbs or more and be in good general health. Please bring an ID with you. It is recommended that donors eat and drink plenty of fluid prior to donating blood. For additional information log onto [cbblifeblood.org](http://cbblifeblood.org) or call 605-331-3222.

Community Blood Bank is not affiliated with other blood bank organizations and takes pride in being a self-sufficient organization, thanks to the generosity of our local blood donors. For more information log onto [www.cbblifeblood.org](http://www.cbblifeblood.org) Walk-ins are welcome.

## GHS prior year grads graduate, receive honors

Abby Siemonsma, Medical Coding major, was named to Southeast Tech's President's List for the Spring 2019 semester. To attain recognition, students must be degree-seeking and have a term GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Korissa B Lau, Dental Assisting major, and Chayce W Schleuter, Welding Technology major, both received diplomas from Lake Area Tech.

## Current GHS students participate in media camp

SIOUX FALLS – KSFY Television, the ABC Affiliate in Sioux Falls, is preparing to welcome nine students from across the region for a week-long introduction to television news production. This year, Riley Altman and Mattea Fiegen from Garretson will be two of nine students participating in the camp.

Beginning Monday, June 10,

2019, KSFY will host its fifth annual media camp. The free camp is held with support from the Washington Pavilion. Students will learn about many aspects of television news, including reporting, writing, video production and advertising.

The camp ends on Friday, June 14. Students will wrap up their experience by producing their own five-minute newscast, which will air at the end of KSFY News at 5:00 and KSFY News at 6:00. The newscast will also be available on [ksfy.com](http://ksfy.com). Students will also work with the sales department to develop a sales plan, so they can find an advertiser to sponsor their newscast.

All students participating in the KSFY Media Camp submitted an application and a "demo tape" to show their on-camera skills. Students were selected based on their course work in school, their audition and their interest in a future career in television.

"We're excited to host yet another outstanding group of future journalists," KSFY President and General Manager Jim Berman said. "We're looking forward to having them join the KSFY news team next month."

KSFY and the Washington Pavilion hosted the first Media Camp in 2015.

## 2019's Best and Brightest Honored for Academic Excellence

The best and brightest from the Class of 2019 were honored for their academic achievements at the 29th Annual Academic Excellence Banquet in Pierre on April 29. Brennan Mudder of Garretson High School was one of the students to receive this recognition.

In conjunction with Gov. Kristi Noem, the Associated School Boards of South Dakota invited more than 200 students, who were identified as the top one percent of their senior class, from the state's public, private and tribal schools, to celebrate their academic accomplishments.

"These students represent the best and the brightest in South Dakota," ASBSD President Tom Farrell said. "They have worked hard for their grades and demonstrate the excellence our schools have taught them."

"Today, we celebrate academic excellence, and this is what it looks like."

Gov. Noem tabbed the stu-

dents being honored as South Dakota's "next generation of leaders" and urged them to continue striving for excellence.

"All eyes are on you," Gov. Noem told the students. "You are the best and the brightest. The one thing that will pull you ahead of the pack is a work ethic."

"Lead by example."

## Letter to the Editor: On behalf of the City of Garretson,

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped yesterday with the Garretson Community Pride day. After getting home from work, I took a few minutes to drive around town. The amount of work that you accomplished in half a day was impressive. All of the citizens of Garretson should be proud to see the students of our community helping those who need a little extra assistance, improving the looks of our town and simply taking pride in the community where you live. I even saw a video of Mrs. Gloe with a chainsaw. Who knew that she was so good at cutting down trees! Thank you high school students, teachers and administration for your gift of time and talent.

Greg Beaner,  
Garretson City Mayor

## Palisade Healthcare weekly update:

Stephanie Miller,  
Activities Director

Monday, we enjoyed a morning of exercise and reading from the Reader's Digest. In the afternoon we enjoyed music from Carol Baum.

Tuesday we had friendship circle and read from Working on the Farm. Once again in the afternoon we were entertained with music, but this time it was with Ray Larson.

Wednesday, we had exercise, and Bible Study titled "Obey" and enjoyed bingo in the afternoon.

Thursday we had a morning of exercise and Trivia and had our weekly Ice Cream Social with flavors from Vanilla, Neapolitan, Cherry Chocolate Chuck and Butter Brickle.

Friday we read the local news and enjoyed a game of Bowling in the afternoon where the woman FINALLY defeated the men with a score of 291-240!!

Saturday was spent painting suncatchers and making colored magic clay and making some "strange" creations. Sunday we enjoyed a Memorial Day Service followed by 2 games of Bingo.

Hope everyone has a great week!!!





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## Trevor Fiegen Jumps to First Place

The 2019 State Track & Field Meet was held on Friday, May 24 in Tea and Saturday, May 25 in Sioux Falls for the Class A athletes. Thirteen Garretson Middle School and High School students qualified for State.

The big winner of the meet was Trevor Fiegen on the High Jump, placing first overall. Fiegen jumped 6 feet 4 inches to claim the class A title and finalize his career as a GHS athlete.

GMS/GHS Athletes also participated in the 400m dash, 1600m and 3200m runs, 800m relay, 1600m sprint medley, and shot put.

In the finals, Logan Bly placed 14th out of 18 in the high jump with a jump of 4'8". McKayla Heesch placed 16th out of 17 in the 1600m run with a time of 5:51.74. Payton Campbell placed 22nd out of 23 in the 3200m run with a time of 13:26.8. Madden Lardy placed 17th out of 17 in shot put with a toss of 31' 8".

In the preliminaries, athletes needed to make the top 8 in order to enter the finals. Morgan Damman placed 17th in the 400m dash and Preston Bohl placed 14th in the 3200m run. The team consisting of Morgan Damman, Lily Ran-

schau, Aliyah Leedy, and McKayla Heesch placed 16th in the 1600m sprint medley. The team consisting of Jaelyn Benson, Rachel Kindt, Kylie Christensen, and McKayla Heesch placed 12th in the 4x800m (3200m) relay.

Coach Jason Bohl was extremely proud of his tracksters and their fans as they wrapped up the year.

"Thanks to all the fans that came to support these kids over the weekend," he said. "Your support did not go unnoticed and the kids felt your presence. Congratulations, Garretson tracksters and Trevor on his gold medal!"



## So where are the Jesse James Players?

Marcia Gnadl of the Jesse James players said that yes, they are still around. They haven't been able to put on a production since their last show "Golden Girls" last Christmas for a very good reason.

"Last year was really hard on the playhouse," she said. "The incessant rain last year, then all the horrible snow and ice that followed this last winter, did some very significant damage. The roof was ruptured and snow and ice got into the building. When I went in to see what had happened, oh the smell was awful. Mold and mildew had ruined more costumes, props and scenery items that I can easily tabulate. I was devastated. I thank God for our local 4-H Club, the Springdell Club who came up and helped us move out the rotten items during the city wide clean up just a few weeks ago. Even so, we're in a really bad place right now. We can clean up as best we can, but we can only do so much. We don't own the building, so we can't proceed until we have permission from someone to do something about it. I honestly don't know where we'll go from here."

"Now we have made use of the Legion space in the past, when we did Golden Girls it was perfect to host that there because it was an audience interactive show. But for a regular show like Steel Magnolias and Calendar Girls (which

were also very successful for us), we need a space we can rehearse in regularly. We have a solid core of people who are always ready to help and who are great helpers, both on stage and behind the curtain with their knowhow and technical expertise. But we can't move forward as we are. We need the community of Garretson to step up, step in and help out. It's a historic building downtown and we've been happy to call it home. What we can do about it, I don't know, but I wanted everyone to be aware of the situation as is."

Gnadl also spoke about a strong desire from members of the group to get the Spooky Trail at Splitrock park going once again, but that the group would need a significant number of volunteers and helpers to make that a reality.

With that you can always contact her or any other member of the Jesse James Players with ideas and suggestions, or if you want to help out in any way.

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