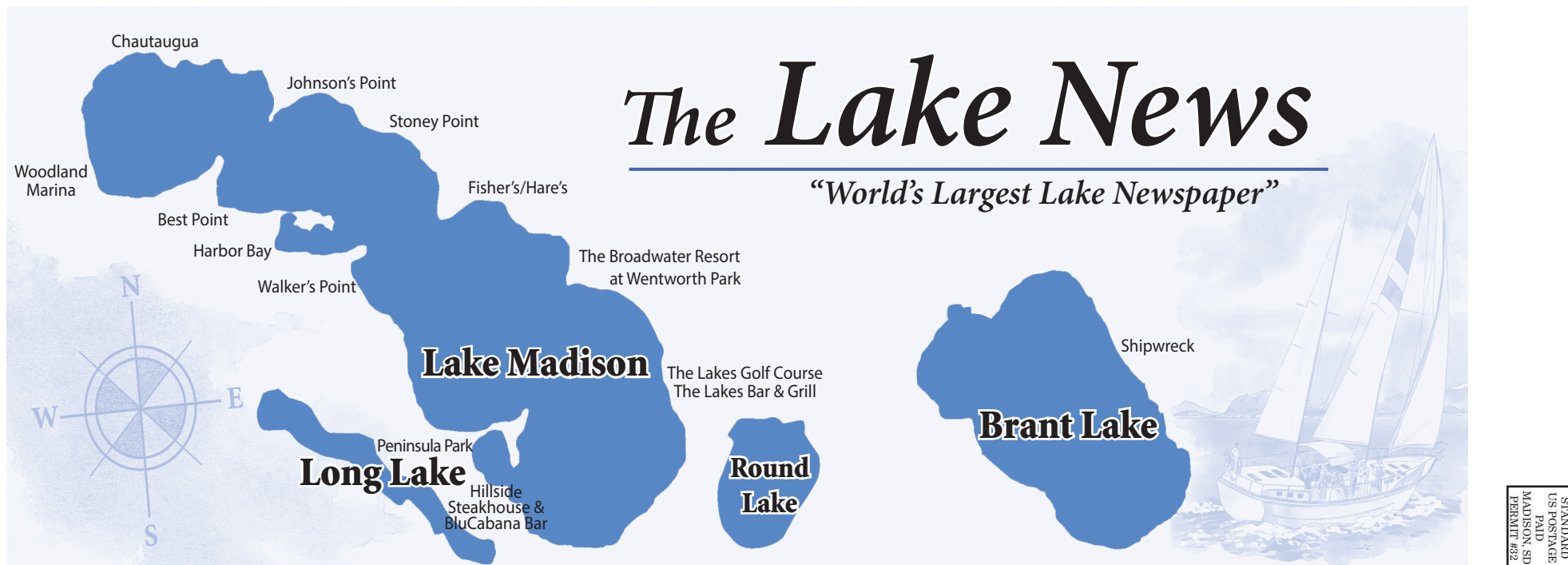


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THE FABULOUS FOURTH OF JULY

By **ROLLYN H. SAMP**

Americans of all ages await the annual Fourth of July with great anticipation. Family gatherings, snacks and summer of food, water activities, and fireworks all add up to the most exciting day of summer.

And if the weather is cooperative or is uncooperative, like this year, participants are still undaunted from celebrating.

It is a hard decision on what is best on the Fourth, memories or the anticipation.

For me, the 50's could never be replaced. 1953 was the first year I was allowed to light the "big ones"; a coming of age moment.

The "big ones" were one pound sky rockets, helicopters, 15 ball roman candles and pinwheels.

The pinwheels were nailed to wooden deck poles and were supposed to spin after lighting. Unfortunately, many pinwheels got stuck and burned up. This led to much speculation on the pinwheel could have gotten stuck.

One of the "big ones" that cannot be forgotten is the cherry bomb.

These illegal explosives were the largest firecrackers and packed a lot of noise and eye-blinding flash. They were not limited so much by law as by economics. At a time 50 cents per hour was a lucky wage, 90 cents each for a cherry bomb left most obtaining one or two at most. The loud explosion and bright flash sent relatives scurrying, they were well worth difficult procurement and the price.

Lake Madison had one unique feature during the 50's. Huge bonfires! When the lake was dry in the 30's and part of the 40's, millions of cottonwood trees grew in the dry lake bed. Many of the cottonwoods grew 12 - 15 feet tall by the time the lake refilled with

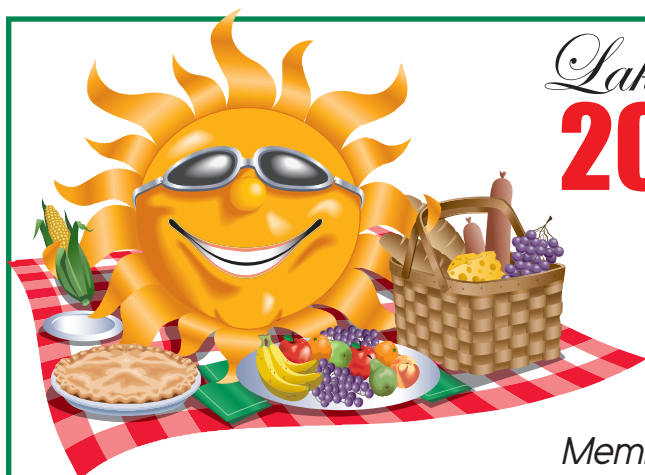
water. The cottonwoods all died leaving a forest of dead cottonwood trees in front of lake cabins. Every Sunday afternoon was dedicated to pulling dead cottonwood trees with a block and tackle hooked to giant cottonwood trees around the lake. The goal was to clear enough trees to try and have the biggest bonfire.

Whether anticipation or memories, the 4th of July is the highlight of summer. ■

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LAKE MADISON

Letter from the President of Lake Madison Development Association

Dear friends, neighbors and community members; Thinking of our lake association, and my role as president, causes me to reflect on the past several years I have been involved with the LMDA. My involvement started with my fathers commitment to the association and after he passed I promised to continue his commitment. I want to thank all of our terrific volunteers in the past years for their time and support in what makes this Association work. It has helped keep our lake healthy and safe! We are building committees that need continued support. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering in on of the following areas: Board of Directors, Membership, Safety, Fishing & Habitat, Activities, and Community & Government.

Many of you have become good friends and part of our lake family! We always welcome more of your neighbors and friends to be involved in our quarterly meetings and the August Annual Picnic! LMDA has

been marching through making an impact on our outdoor recreation and enhancing the experience we enjoy on the lake! Please attend a meeting and get engaged with your community! I have to look at this past winter as a positive approach to more water in our lake. The quality of life is hard to beat and the sense of community we have built is like no other. Enjoy swimming, boating, canoeing, kayaking, water skiing, sailing and paddle boarding this summer! Lets create a community of caring, engagement and progress.

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A TRIBUTE . . .

By **ROLLYN SAMP**

Two longtime LMDA leaders passed away this spring.

MARK WOLFE . . . Mark was the immediate past president of the LMDA.

He had previously served as an officer and director for many years.

Mark led many efforts on numerous projects. "Kids Don't Float" Life jacket over the more visible efforts he worked on over the years. He worked on plans for a fire boat to provide extra pumping capacity for fires around the lake. He provided leadership for the AED defibrillator project which is units placed at various public spots around the lake.

Mark and his friend Murray completed a perch hatching unit to increase the perch hatches and more. Mark and his wife, Cheri, personally drove the entire lake, mapping and bring up to date the Lake Madison directory.

The list of accomplishments goes on and on. He will be terribly missed, but appreciative

for being a model of volunteerism for needed lake projects.

JIM HALPIN . . . Jim and Jean Halpin have been long time supporters of lake projects and volunteers with LMDA.

They first had a cabin at Smith Park before building a house on Zimmermann Drive.

Jim was president of LMDA in 1998 after years of serving as a director and volunteer on numerous projects.

An avid golfer, Jim was one of the key leaders in designing and promoting the Lakes golf course.

As president, getting the carp trap belt in place between Round Lake and Lake Madison was a major accomplishment. So was bringing natural gas to lake homes.

As a fishing enthusiast, Jim worked on multiple projects to improve fishing on the lake.

Jim's infectious smile and being first to volunteer when work needed to be done will be long remembered by many friends of the lake organization.

Death

Jim Halpin

James Patrick Halpin of Wentworth, SD passed away on March 16, 2023 at Banner Baywood Medical Center in Mesa, Arizona.

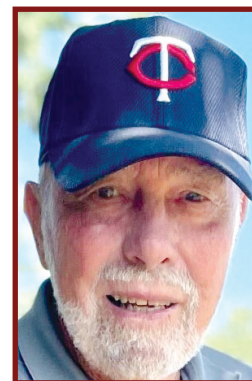
Jim was born on May 6, 1937, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He graduated from Washington High School, Class of 1955. He attended Augustana College where he played baseball. He also played for the Renner Monarchs. He met his wife Jean at the Renner Corner after a game and were married for 64 years. He retired from Northern States Power in 1999 and enjoyed his retirement years on Lake Madison and Gold Canyon, Arizona.

He was a 50-year Mason and a Shriner. He served the Howard Wood Relay Committee also for 50 years. He also played basketball for Traub Silo and coached the Renner Rangers baseball team for several years.

He was a founding member of The Lakes Golf Course on Lake Madison where he took great pleasure in countless rounds of golf. An avid sportsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, archery and trap shooting. He was a fan of the Minnesota Twins and Vikings.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife Jean, son Randy Halpin and wife Karen, daughter Ellen Bechina and husband Dan, 6 grandchildren, Kyle, Aaron, Shaye, James, Lacey and Randi Lynn, along with 18 great grandchildren.

A celebration of life was held on May 6, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, South Dakota.



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Please help us make our 2023 membership drive successful by returning your \$35 check and Information Sheet. Your participation is needed and very much appreciated!

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Sincerely, *Membership Committee*

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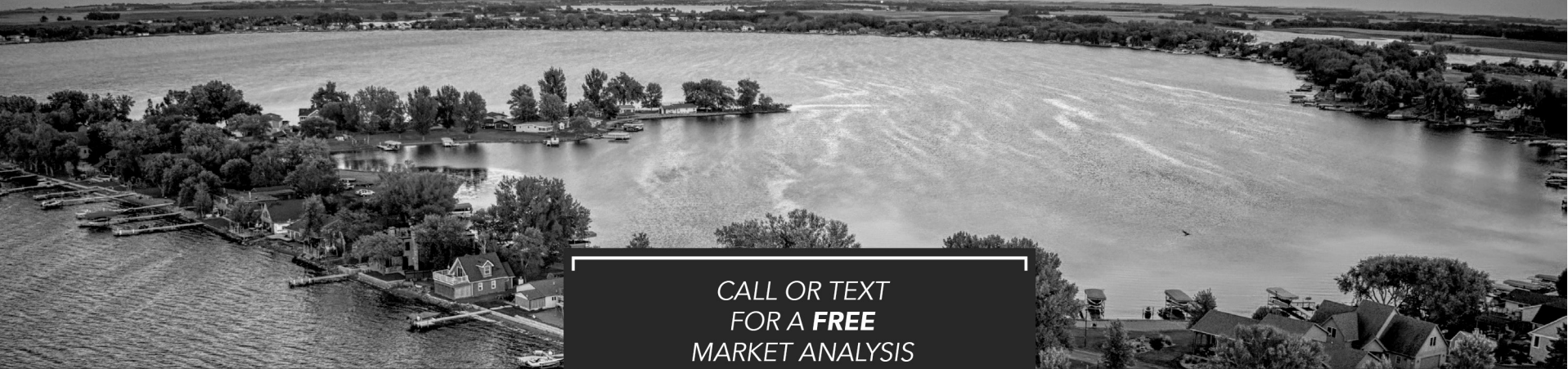
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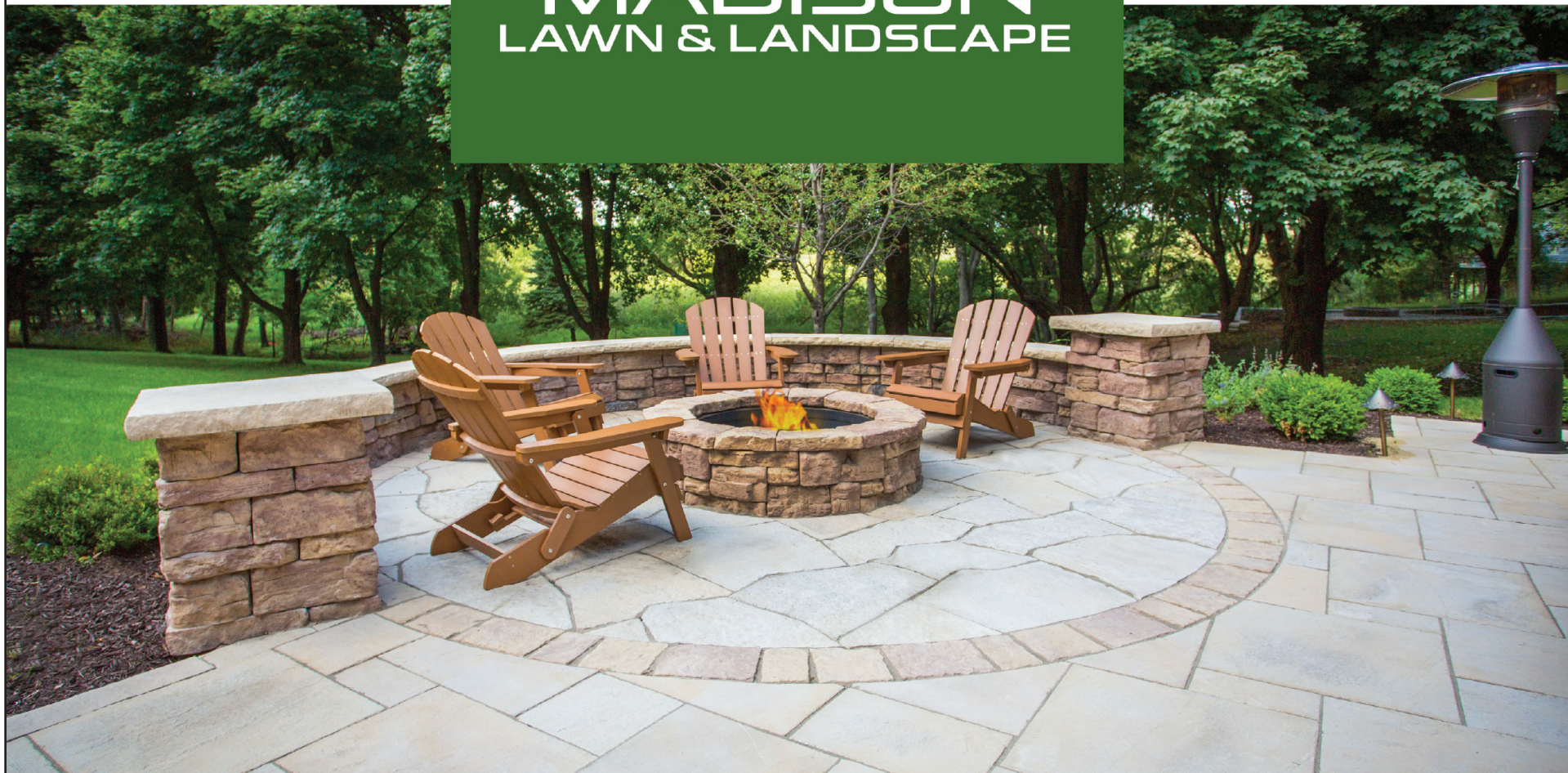


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Summer Camping and Fishing Essentials

by Sunshine Sol

Summer is the perfect time to get outdoors, explore, relax, and partake in your favorite hobbies. All the trees are lush and green, the rivers are cool and refreshing, and the days are long and warm. It's time to live outdoors and soak up as much sun as possible. Some of the best outdoorsy summer pastimes are camping and fishing - and that's the perfect combo for a weekend trip! You can fish all day and enjoy the stars from your tent at night. Here are some essentials for camping and fishing during the summer.

1. Bug spray

The heat of summer brings out all the bugs that have been laid dormant by the colder months. The gnats, mosquitoes, and ticks are very active and if you spend an extensive amount of time outdoors, you're sure to run into them. Get ahead of the game and purchase a bug spray with a high deet content so those pesky insects don't bother you while you spend long days at the river or relax in your campsite.

2. Water

In the summer heat, it's very easy to become dehydrated. If you're trolling the banks of a pond for fish or swinging in a hammock in your campsite, it's easy to forget to drink water. However, it's very important to ensure you're drinking plenty of liquids and electrolytes. Always bring more water than you expect you'll need and take a sip every half hour or so. Taking the time to hydrate can help you recover after a long day in the sun and set you up for success the next day when you return to the river banks for more fishing.



3. A nice backpack

Investing in a quality backpack will make hauling your fishing or camping gear much easier. Look for a backpack with extensive storage space, breathable fabric, adjustable weight-bearing straps, lots of pockets and sectionals, and bonus points if it is compatible with a water bladder so you can stay hydrated while casting for fish. Two birds with one stone!

4. Sunscreen and sun hats

It's important to take care of your skin while outdoors in the summer. Always apply sunscreen every morning when you're on your fishing trip. It's easy to lose track of time while out on the water fishing for a big catch and you can spend way more time out in the harsh sun than you'd expected. Play it safe and rock a sun hat to really double up on the sun protection!

5. Polarized sunglasses

There's plenty of fish in the pond, but you have no clue if you can't see them! Grab some polarized sunglasses that cut through the water and let you spot your target in the depths. These glasses also protect your eyes from the harsh light of the hot summer sun.

There are many ways to get outside this summer and enjoy nature, but one of the best combos are fishing and camping. They compliment each other very well and camping can allow you to extend your fishing trip while also having time to slow down and enjoy the woods. Don't forget these camping and fishing essentials this summer when you hit the road for your next adventure!

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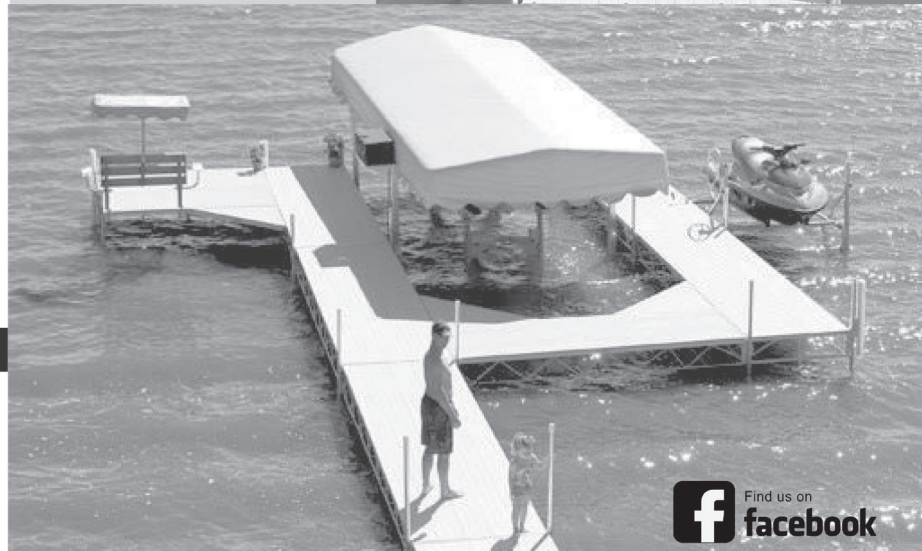
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COUNTY TO VOTE ON \$2.8M OPT-OUT

By **WREN MURPHY**
Madison Daily Leader

The Lake County Commission will vote on a \$2.8 million opt-out at its meeting on Thursday, July 6th at 9 a.m. in the courthouse.

Typically, the County Commission meets on Tuesdays, but this week's meeting was rescheduled for Thursday due to Independence Day on July 4.

In addition to the opt-out, the commissioners will discuss a driver licensing program agreement, several utility occupancy applications, a grant with the Lake Area Improvement Corporation, a welfare application

and the IT and coroner budget requests.

The County Commissioners directed staff at their previous meeting to craft a resolution to generate an additional \$2.8 million in property taxes from county landowners via an opt-out. This opt-out will begin in 2024 and will last five years unless it is extended.

To put the opt-out into effect in 2024, it has to be voted on before July 15.

The commissioners did not decide to send it to a vote of the people, but, if the opt-out passes at Thursday's meeting, registered voters can gather signatures on a

How Would a \$2.8M Opt Out Affect My County Taxes?

	\$150,000 Property	\$300,000 Property	\$500,000 Property	\$750,000 Property
Current Levy \$2.475/\$1,000	\$371.25	\$742.50	\$1,237.50	\$1,856.25
\$2.8M Opt Out \$1.47/\$1,000*	\$220.50	\$441.00	\$735.00	\$1,102.50
Total County Tax	\$591.75	\$1,183.50	\$1,972.50	\$2,958.75

THE LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION will vote on a \$2.8 million opt-out at its next meeting. Shelli Gust, the commission administrative officer, said that, based on the current total property value in the county, this opt-out would “roughly” lead to a tax rate of \$1.47 per \$1,000 of property value, though the rate would vary based on the value of all property in the county. The current tax levy for the county is \$2.475 per \$1,000. The chart above gives examples of how the opt-out could affect property taxes for several property values, though these numbers are estimates.

petition to send it to a public vote.

An opt-out is when a government entity, like a school board or county commission, requests additional property taxes from residents outside of the normal tax levy for that entity.

Since an opt-out is a request for a lump sum which is divided among all property taxpayers, the tax rate for the opt-out will vary from year to year as old properties are reassessed and new properties are added or expanded.

Based on the current value of all property in Lake County, next year's tax would be about \$1.47 per \$1,000 of taxable property value, said Commission Administrative Officer Shelli Gust. The current county property tax levy is \$2.475 per \$1,000.

The commissioners have not indicated exactly how the money will be spent, though it would likely

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supplement multiple department budgets including the Highway Department's, which is a frequent topic of conversation.

Earlier this year, the county received a finished report on the condition of paved roads in the county. The report stated the Highway Department budget would have to get a significant increase to maintain the current road quality. One projection indicated the county would need to spend more on paved road projects than the entire rest of the county budget combined, which includes the Sheriff's Office and jail, judicial system and other county services, to get all paved roads into "good" condition.

Doubling or tripling the Highway Department budget is unrealistic, but all commissioners have expressed concerns about the state of county roads.

The County Commission has considered ways to raise county revenue in many previous meetings but decided on an opt-out due to its ability to raise a large amount of funds and its flexibility. The other major option, a road and bridge levy, was nixed for not raising enough funds and

because the money could only be used on road and bridge projects.

Since 2010, Lake County has taken money from its reserve fund, which is like a savings account, to help fund its regular budget. Last year, the county used \$1.6 million in this way. This is a practice both commissioners and staff have called "unsustainable."

Gust said the county has not been able to generate revenue at the same pace as inflation, which has spiked in recent years. The additional property taxes will not allow the county to do more projects, she said; they will only allow the county to maintain its current level of service.

At their most recent meeting, the commissioners heard budget requests from numerous departments. Personnel costs, such as salaries, were not yet accounted for, though Gust estimated there would be a cost-of-living increase in salaries of about 3%. In the non-personnel sections of budgets, many departments asked for an increase. These preliminary budgets have not been officially passed or approved. ■

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Inherits Joke Book

The late Maury Byer had a joke or two for every customer at Marr's Beach (Now the Harbor). What ever happened to his joke book? Herkimer, the lonely fisherman in Bourne's Slough inherited it.

What do you call a snowman in July?

A puddle.

What does a pig say on a hot day?

I'm bacon!

How can you tell the lake is friendly?

It waves.

Why does a seagull fly over the sea?

Because if it flew over a bay it would be a bagel



Why do fish like to eat worms?

Because they got hooked on them.

Do fish go on vacation?

No. They're always in school.

What's a frogs favorite summertime treat?

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What's the best sandwich for the beach?

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COUNTY PASSES \$2.8 MILLION PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

Opt-out would last 5 years, unless voted down

By **WREN MURPHY**
Madison Daily Leader

The Lake County Commission passed a \$2.8 million opt-out at its Thursday, July 6th meeting.

This property tax increase can be referred to a popular vote if a petition receives signatures from at least 5% of the registered voters

in Lake County. The petition must be filed with Lake County within 20 days of the first legal publication of the opt-out resolution, which appears in the legals section of today's edition of the Madison Daily Leader.

Currently, there are 8,042 active voters in Lake County, according to the Auditor's Office. About 402 signatures are required to send the opt-out to a popular vote.

Each year, the county requests a certain sum of money, and a property tax rate is set based on the amount requested and the value of all property in the county.

How Does Lake County's Property Levy Compare to Neighbors'?

	2023 Total County Levy in Dollars Per Thousand*	Opt-Out Levy	Amount of Opt-Out	Cost on \$250,000 Property
Lake	\$2.475	-	-	\$618.75
Lake with 2024 Opt-Out	\$3.945 (approx.)	\$1.470 (approx.)	\$2.8M	\$986.25
Beadle	\$2.445	\$0.117	\$300,000	\$611.25
Brookings	\$4.157	-	-	\$1,039.25
Kingsbury	\$1.836	\$0.202	\$300,000	\$459.00
McCook	\$3.455	\$0.255	\$300,000	\$863.75
Miner	\$4.186	-	-	\$1,046.50
Moody	\$3.508	-	-	\$877.00

*The total county property tax levy includes the base county levy as well as the levy for the opt-out, when applicable.

PICTURED ABOVE is a chart comparing the total county property tax rates – not including property tax levies for cities or schools – between Lake County and several nearby counties. The Lake County Commission passed a \$2.8 million opt-out at its Thursday meeting. If it is not defeated by a popular vote, the opt-out will come into effect in 2024 and last for 5 years. The \$1.470 opt-out property tax rate for Lake County is an estimate based on the total county property value for the year 2022, which is used to determine the taxes payable in 2023. The opt-out rate will change each year, as property values are reassessed annually.

The amount by which a county can increase its property tax ask is limited by the amount of new property growth in the county and the consumer price index (CPI), which is based on the cost of

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goods, or 3%, whichever is lower.

In the past several years, the rate of inflation has outpaced the CPI, meaning county costs increase significantly but the amount that can be taken in property taxes has grown more slowly.

An opt-out is when a county opts out of the typical limit on increasing property tax revenue. This is an option available to local governments, including schools, cities and counties. Opt-out money goes into the general fund, where it can be put into all county services, including roads and bridges.

The new Lake County opt-out, which was passed unanimously, will last for 5 years and start in 2024.

A tax rate, or levy, for the opt-out will be based on the total property value across the county and will vary each year. But, based on the most recent official total property value from 2022, the rate would be about \$1.47 per every \$1,000 of value.

The Lake County Commission has discussed raising additional revenue through property taxes since 2022 and hosted three town halls.

At their July 6 meeting, the room was packed with Lake County residents who wanted to share their

opinions on the opt-out.

Since 2010, Lake County has taken cash from its reserves, functionally its savings account, and applied it to balance the budget. County commissioners and staff have called this practice “unsustainable,” and several warned of cuts to county services if the county cannot increase its revenue.

Commissioner Deb Reinicke said the county may have to turn some paved roads into gravel roads. The de-paving process costs money, but the lower maintenance and repair costs save money long-term.

“We don’t want to go backwards if we don’t have to,” Reinicke said.

At the meeting, the commissioners also discussed the county budget for 2024, which does not include funds from the opt-out. The Highway Department requested about \$4.2 million for personnel, road projects, equipment and more in 2024, and its budget was about \$2.9 million in 2023.

The commissioners slashed the \$4.2 million request by about \$2 million, cutting out road overlay projects, all new equipment requests and two currently-unstaffed positions.

After prompting from audience

members, who wanted to know where the opt-out money would go, the commissioners said they planned to spend it on the Highway Department.

Many Lake County residents who attended the meeting asked about other ways the county could raise revenue, such as a wheel tax or sales tax. The county is at the maximum amount on wheel taxes, and South Dakota counties cannot set a sales tax.

Other audience members suggested cuts to personnel, not increasing county employees’ wages, contracting out certain road projects, lobbying the Legislature for new county revenue options, putting in a road and bridge levy instead of an opt-out or lowering the amount asked for in the opt-out. Several said they would find it difficult as taxpayers to afford a \$2.8 million opt-out.

One resident, Steve Kant, said

the \$2.8 million opt-out was “excessive” and, later, said he would prefer a lower property tax to raise funds for roads and bridges or cutting the opt-out to \$1.2 million. He also objected to the order of the agenda, which placed the opt-out discussion after the budget discussion, and he said several county talking points were “fear-mongering.”

“This entire process has been nothing but theater,” Kant said.

Commissioner Corey Johnke said he didn’t enjoy raising property taxes but that he doesn’t “see any other option.” Without the opt-out in its current amount, or if the opt-out fails at a popular vote, county residents will see cuts to services, including road and bridge projects, he said.

“Maybe the community is going to have to see it the hard way before they see where we’re at,” Johnke said. ■



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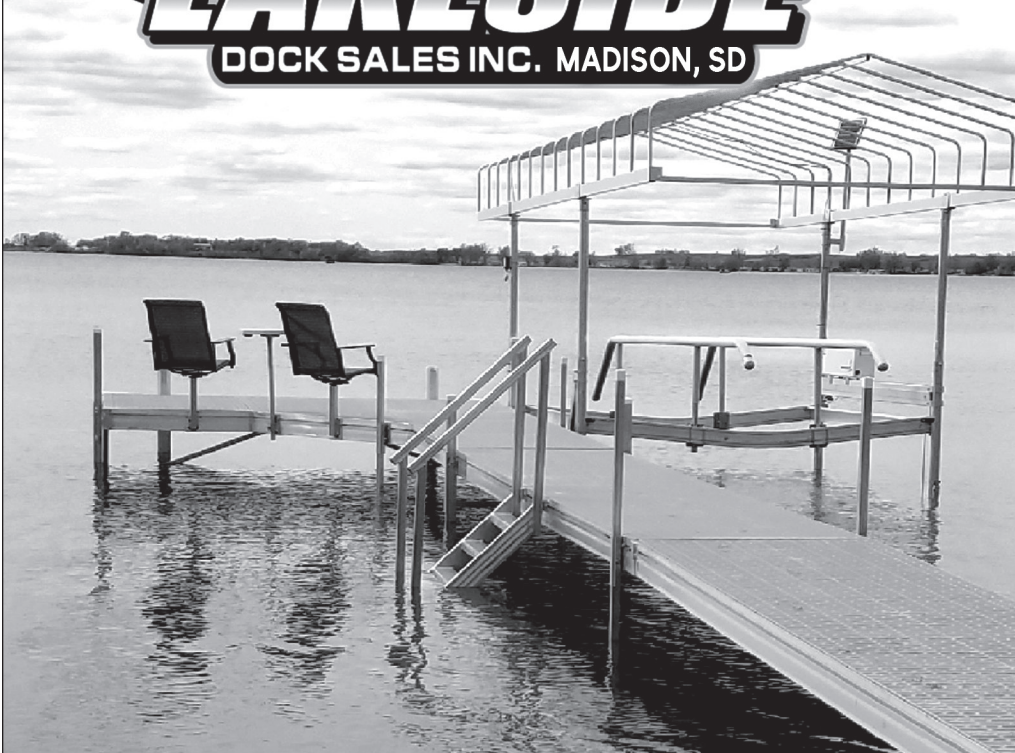


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Why do some want a special session on eminent domain?

By **WREN MURPHY**
Madison Daily Leader

Several South Dakota legislators are circulating a petition to call a special session on eminent domain reform – but what is eminent domain, and why is it a hot-button issue right now?

Eminent domain is when governments – including federal, state or local governments – take land from private property owners to use it for a public purpose. Private companies can also be allowed to use eminent domain, depending on the project.

The Fifth Amendment gives the government this right, but the property can only be taken when “just compensation” is provided to the property owner and when the property is being put to “public use.”

In the past, the federal government has used it for projects like government buildings, aqueducts, national parks, railroads and more. Utilities and highways meant for public use can also involve eminent domain.

Eminent domain proceedings begin with condemnation lawsuits. The entity, whether it's a government or company, files a lawsuit against the property owner whose land they want to use. Often, the proper amount of compensation is decided during the lawsuit.

The concept of eminent domain has been challenged many times, including with numerous

showings in the Supreme Court.

One notable example is *Kelo v. City of New London*. In this 2005 case, the Supreme Court held that a city government was allowed to use eminent domain to seize land and sell that land to a private developer. In this case, the Supreme Court set a precedent that economic development was considered public use under the Fifth Amendment.

Private companies have been able to take advantage of eminent domain in numerous instances. Railroad and utility companies have been able to use eminent domain in order to private public services, and pipelines, including the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline, have been designated as common carriers of commodities.

In 2019, the Iowa Supreme Court ruled that the Iowa Board of Utilities was allowed to authorize Dakota Access LLC to use eminent domain to seize land for a crude oil pipeline.

In South Dakota, another pipeline is causing controversy around the use of eminent domain. This pipeline would not transfer oil; instead, the proposed Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline would transport liquid carbon dioxide from Midwest ethanol plants, including Dakota Ethanol near Wentworth, to an underground storage site in North Dakota.

Numerous landowners, including many who have spoken at Lake County Commission meetings, oppose the use of eminent domain by a private company. These landowners have

also expressed concerns about safety and the environmental impact of the pipeline.

Representatives from Summit Carbon Solutions have argued that the pipeline would be safe, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and not have a detrimental effect on landowners.

In Lake County, Summit Carbon has signed agreements with numerous landowners, covering about 93% of the pipeline's route through the county. But, a few landowners have refused to sign easement agreements.

Earlier this year, Summit Carbon filed condemnation lawsuits against several Lake County landowners, trying to use eminent domain to get access to their land.

The special session, if it goes through, would tackle eminent domain as it concerns carbon dioxide pipelines.

In the 2023 legislative session, several bills were put forward to tackle the issue. Only one made it past its first committee hearing. This bill, HB 1133, did not mention eminent domain directly. Instead, it would have explicitly defined liquid carbon dioxide which was meant to be stored underground as not being a commodity. This would make the Summit Carbon pipeline unable to qualify as a common carrier, which would make any eminent domain proceedings challenging under South Dakota law.

The bill was passed 40-28 in the House but killed 9-0 in the Senate Commerce and Energy Committee. ■

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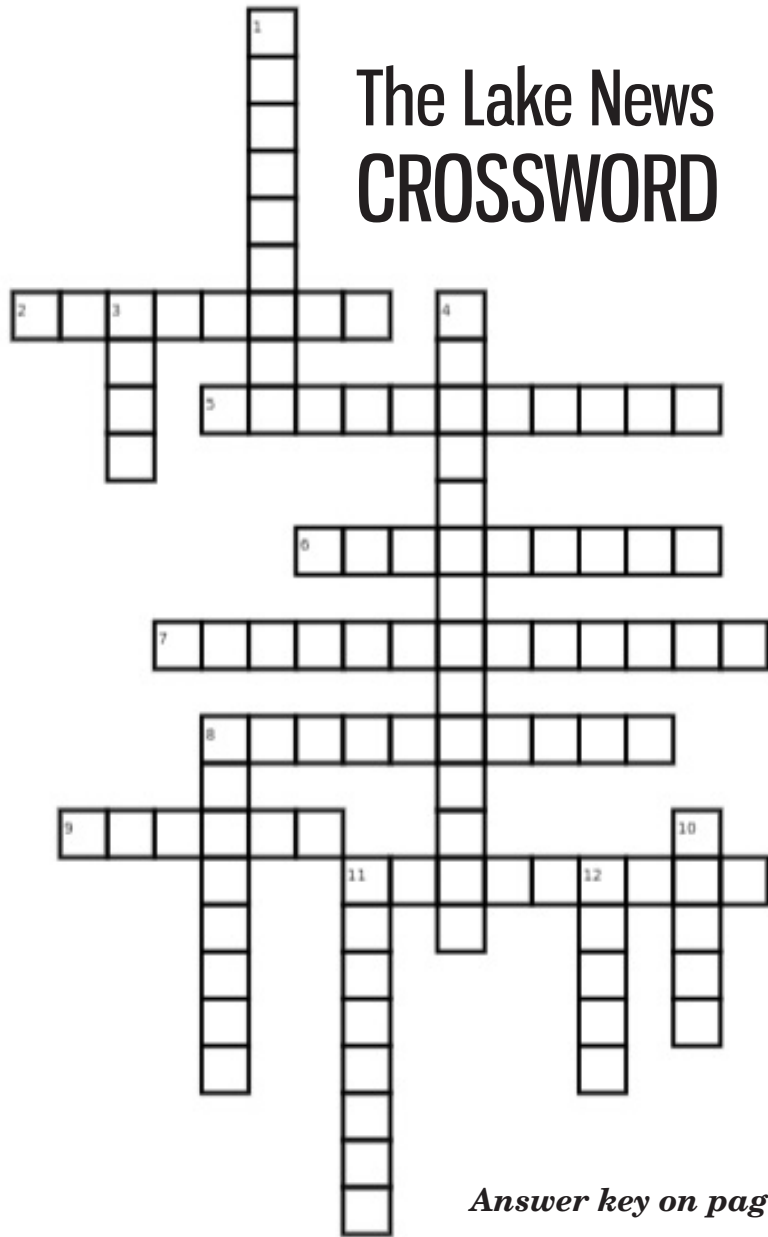
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3. Annual event celebrating Polynesian dancers at the Hillside Resort
4. formally called the Aurora Boroalis or the polar lights
8. plant closely tied to the Monarch butterflies survival
10. this type of mussels have been discovered in many lakes but not in Lake Madison as of yet
11. succulent plant used to treat burns
12. simple non-flowering Aquatic plant that turns our swimsuits green

Across:

2. astronomical event marking the longest day of the year
5. physical state often occurs in the heat when the body loses too much fluid to work properly
6. a device containing gun powder and other combustibles causing an explosion used typically for celebration
7. nocturnal insect that is a bioluminescent beetle
8. sometimes referred to as the state bird, the females bite and cause diseases ranging from West Nile to Malaria
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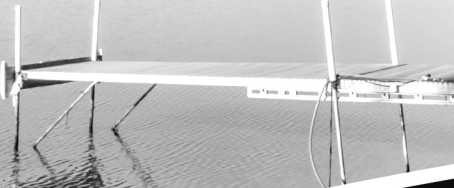




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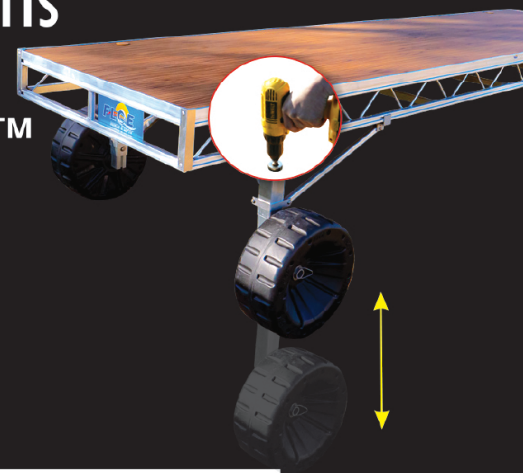
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Annual 4th of July Golf Cart Parade Huge Success

By ELIZABETH ANTONIO

This year's Lake Madison 4th of July Annual Golf Cart Parade was a magnificent display of community and patriotism! Over 75 groups participated in the parade and competition. There were 3 prize categories this year: Christmas, Halloween and Patriotic. The creativity and efforts put forth were astonishing. This year's event was co-sponsored by the Hillside Resort, The Lake Bar and Grill and the Broadwater.

Debbie Luther of the Hillside Resort said, "We would like to thank all the participants and the spectators! It was a great turnout. Nefu was flipping burgers with both hands to keep up with the hungry participants, and fun was had by all! Congratulations to all the winners! We look forward to our next event the annual Luau, July 29th."

Gary Fikse, this year's event coordinator said, "we had great participation from everyone and a special thanks to The Broadwater, Hillside Resort and The Lakes Bar".

The winners received a \$50 gift card to either the Lakes Bar & Grill, Broadwater, The Hillside. Second place was a \$30 gift card and third place was a \$20 gift card. We look forward to another great event next year!

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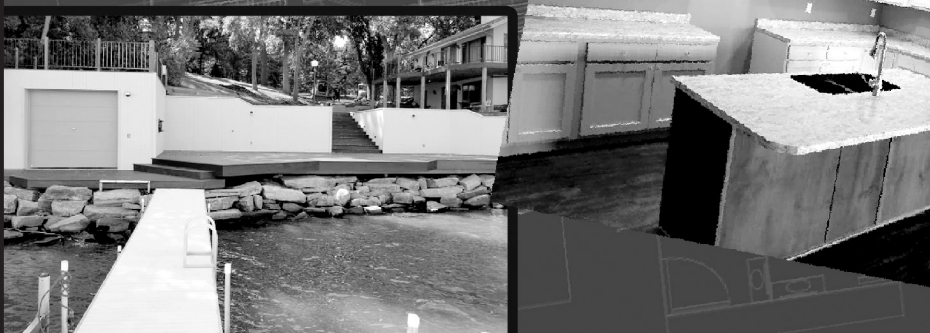
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Ellsworths resume operations of two local funeral homes

By **ZAC ZWASCHKA**
Madison Daily Leader Reporter

For nearly 40 years, Bob and Cindy Ellsworth owned and operated the Ellsworth Funeral Home in Madison, as well as the Willoughby Funeral Home in Howard since 2012. They passed the torch to Alex Nurnberg in 2018, but five years later, the couple has officially returned to both locations.

"We missed serving area families and friends as we had since 1979," Bob Ellsworth said. "We're committed to earning the trust of area residents and providing the kind of professional service they deserve and expect."

The Ellsworth name has been synonymous with funeral services in South Dakota for even longer, as Bob's parents, Ray and Blanche, opened the first Ellsworth Funeral Home in 1948 in their hometown of Estelline.

Together, the Ellsworths have decades of experience in the funeral industry, and their newest partners are equally seasoned. Joining the Ellsworths are Terry Lee, Kim Klinkhammer and Mark Kahler. Kahler is the former owner of the Kahler Funeral Home in Dell Rapids, where Ellsworth did his internship before

moving to Madison.

This group represents more than 125 years of collective funeral experience, with each member looking forward to continuing the legacies of the two homes. On top of this, Madison native Nate Hofman will join the team through an apprenticeship, splitting his time between Madison and Howard.

Ellsworth added that all prearrangements will continue to be honored and that several building improvements are planned. Throughout their ownership, the Ellsworths engaged in several improvement projects, including the addition of a 150-seat chapel, a casket selection room, reception area and garage.

The building that became Ellsworth Funeral Home was built in 1906, with Andrew and Myrta Hallenbeck moving their own funeral home there in 1927. The Hallenbeck family continued to own the building until its sale to the Ellsworths in 1979.

As for Howard, the history is a bit more complicated.

In 1928, F.W. Tuttle opened a funeral home in the town, with a young H.A. Willoughby working under him. Eleven years later, Tuttle and his wife Mary opened a more modern version, though Tuttle died shortly afterward.



BOB ELLSWORTH (middle), as well as his wife Cindy (not pictured), have resumed operation of Madison's Ellsworth Funeral Home and Howard's Willoughby Funeral Home. Here, Ellsworth poses in Madison with new team members Mark Kahler (left), Nate Hofman, Kim Klinkhammer and Terry Lee.

Mary ran the business until 1947 before selling it Willoughby, who changed the name to reflect his ownership. The next year, Willoughby purchased Howard's other funeral home, Thompson Funeral, from Oscar Thompson.

Willoughby then moved his business to the newly acquired location, remodeling and utilizing the space until a new home was built in 1966. This was the birth of Willoughby Funeral Home's current building.

In 1977, the home transferred ownership to Dean and Joanne (Willoughby) Sherman, who had worked there for more than 20 years. Terry and Anne (Sherman) Lee then assumed ownership during the 1990s before selling it to the Ellsworths.

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Museum exhibit traces computing history

By WREN MURPHY

Madison Daily Leader Reporter

The Lake County Museum opened its newest exhibit, "Progress: 40 Years of the Personal Computer," with a 1980s-themed event on Thursday.

The exhibit, which is featured in the center of the museum, has devices showing the history of computing, from the Ancient Greek kleroterion to the personal computing boom of the 1980s and '90s.

As its name implies, "Progress" focuses on the development of personal computers from the 1980s to the 2000s. It includes devices such as cell phones, classic Macs, video game consoles and more. It also has several interactive portions, including a computer running Oregon Trail, a Commodore 64 game system and the working kleroterion.

Many of these items were donated by Brady and Adam Zimmel, brothers from Sioux Falls. Adam met Dr. Justin Blessinger during his time as a Dakota State University student, and Blessinger learned about the brothers' extensive vintage computer collection. Blessinger recommended Zimmel talk with his wife, Christina Blessinger, the Lake County Museum's program

coordinator.

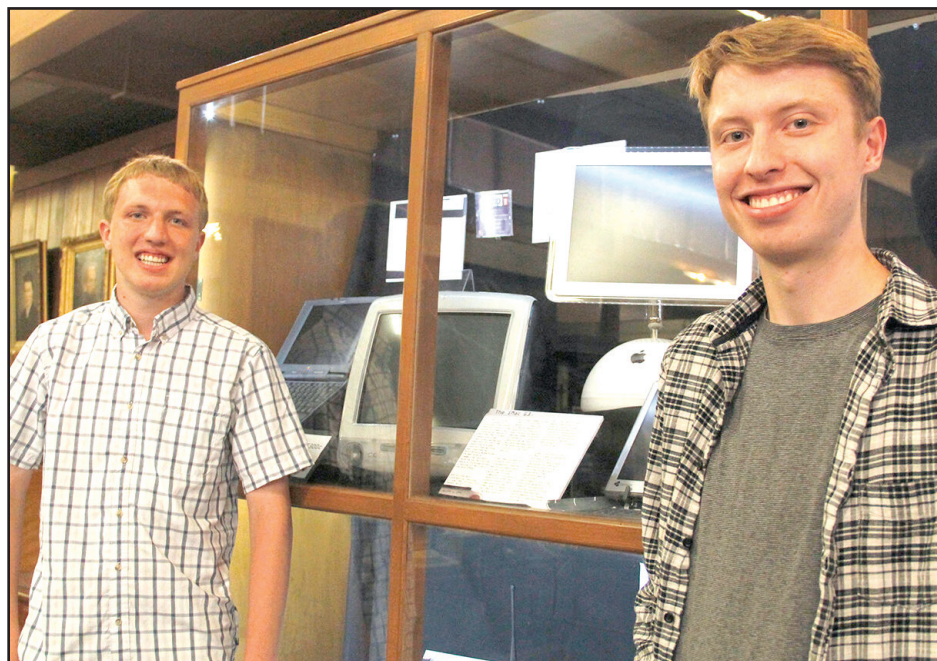
Julie Breu, the museum's director, said Adam Zimmel came to talk to her and Christina Blessinger around Christmas, and the museum staff were excited to get a unique exhibit idea up and running.

"How appropriate for this school (DSU)," Breu said. "It was a great way for us to broaden our displays, because our displays, as you can see, they center around pre-1900 to around 1920. Bringing it up to the 1980s is something we want to do with this exhibit."

Brady Zimmel began the collection and wrote the labels for the museum exhibit. His collection has filled up his parents' basement, and many of the items were gathering dust, only enjoyed by Brady, Adam and any friends who came over.

The brothers have been collecting computers and other devices for more than 10 years. They've found some at garage sales and online marketplaces, but many came from school districts and businesses which were throwing things out.

"There was just a computer store near our elementary school, and they had everything they were getting rid of on a trailer out back. And it was things like this,



BRADY ZIMMEL (left) and Adam Zimmel pose by a display filled with their donated computers at the Lake County Museum on Thursday. Some of the brothers' vast computer collection is part of the museum's newly-opened "Progress: 40 Years of the Personal Computer" exhibit.

more or less. We would pass by and ask, 'Mom, can we take just one? They look cool.' So we took one and then two and then three and then 50... and then filled up the house," Adam Zimmel said.

Because of this acquisition method, many of the devices on display are from local businesses and schools.

Justin Blessinger said he was impressed by the scope of the brothers' collection and how many devices they'd personally repaired.

"Both of them are so knowledgeable and fantastic to work with," Blessinger said.

But, the exhibit does not solely feature the Zimmels' collection. Donations and assistance from museum staff, volunteers and community members like Craig Miller and Marilyn Halgerson filled out the exhibit. Also on display are

some of the museum's own devices.

"It was truly a community effort," said Breu.

The exhibit was also sponsored by DSU, the Beacom College of Computer Science, ABM and Builders FirstSource.

On June 26, the Lake County Museum will host a celebration and ice cream social from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The event will celebrate the return of the Boyd Covered Wagon, which underwent an extensive restoration earlier this year and recently returned to the museum. At the ice cream social, Breu will announce the museum's long-term plans for the wagon. ■

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Shipwreck Bar event raises awareness for foster families

By **WREN MURPHY**
Madison Daily Leader Reporter

South Dakota’s lieutenant governor and the second lady spoke at a Friday event at Shipwreck Bar and Grill to raise awareness about foster families and children.

The five-hour event featured games for children, a spearfishing demonstration, face painting by Color Bee Face Painting and Body Art, and a live band, The Barn Flies.

The event, which was sponsored by Beka and Richard Zerbst and Jordan Youngberg, with prizes sponsored by Dakotaland Credit Union and McDonald’s, was put on by the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women and South Dakota Kids Belong. The latter is a nonprofit organization which works to recruit foster families, assist foster children and raise awareness and support within communities. Damen Woolsey, the group’s executive director, also attended the event.

Woolsey and his wife are long-time foster parents, and now they work with various organizations, including South Dakota Kids Belong, to bring more attention to the issue.

According to South Dakota Kids Belong’s website, about 1,600 children were in foster

care in the state at the end of 2022.

“What I love is the collective impact, like when you have different organizations...and together we raise awareness for children in foster care who just need more families,” Woolsey said. “The second lady has made this a priority in our state to make sure all our children belong.”

For Woolsey, it’s crucial that communities come together and correct “injustices” that occur against children. One way to do that is to become a foster family or support people who are fostering, he said.

“About 13 years ago, I was a foster parent, and you don’t really understand it until you are one and then you see the children, and they’re more than just a statistic,” Woolsey said. “They’re real children with real families and real issues.”

South Dakota Second Lady Sandy Rhoden said she has taken on foster families as her primary initiative. To support that, she said she attends and helps organize events to raise awareness and encourage people to consider becoming a foster family. She is also a board member for South Dakota Kids Belong. She attended the event with her husband, Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden, to further



LT. GOV. LARRY RHODEN speaks at the Shipwreck Bar and Grill for a family event meant to raise awareness about foster families and children. The event, which was put on by the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women and South Dakota Kids Belong, featured games, a spearfishing demonstration, face painting and a live band.

the cause.

“I took this on as my initiative because Larry and I went to an event two or three years ago, and it hit our hearts because we saw how people can really, truly change a child’s life. I felt like this was really worth

putting time and effort into, because these kids become adults and become citizens,” she said. “They need to learn what real families look like and what it feels like to be loved and cared for.” ■

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Railroad Days experiences hiccup

By **WREN MURPHY**

Madison Daily Leader Reporter

After a minor derailment Saturday morning, Railroad Days picked up steam and brought attendees around the Prairie Village railroad loop throughout the June 24th weekend.

One of Prairie Village's diesel locomotives derailed during morning testing, said Bob Gehringer, a volunteer with the Friends of the Railway, who operate and maintain the historical locomotives and cars. Gehringer was the engineer at the time of the derailment, he said.

After storms on Friday and early Saturday, volunteers were concerned the water had loosened the substrate and ballast beneath the tracks, Gehringer said. This could have allowed one side of the track to sink down, which could lead to a derailment.

Before the diesel locomotive took on passengers or the older steam-powered train came out, the group wanted to test the tracks for safety. The group used the diesel locomotive, which is heavier than the steam locomotive, for testing. But, the expected problem didn't occur. Instead, the wet railroad ties, which hold the rails upright and transfer the load to the substrate and ballast beneath the tracks, didn't hold

tight to the spikes or rail, Gehringer said.

"Some of the [railroad] spikes on the outside didn't hold the outside rail tight enough, so the outside rail moved out and two of the wheels dropped down," he said. "We had to quick do the routine to get it back up."

After the team used a rerailer to get the train back on the track and fixed up the track, volunteers took the train on several test loops to make sure everything was safe, he said. After other safety tests, train and doodlebug rides began at about 12:30 p.m.

In addition to the train rides, Railroad Days featured rides on the steam-powered carousel, tours of the Roundhouse where locomotives are stored, an early lunch of hobo stew on Sunday and a non-denominational church service in the Chapel Car Emmanuel.

The Emmanuel Chapel Car, according to Friends of the Railway volunteer Laura Palmer, is one of just three recorded Baptist missionary train cars still in existence. Of them, the Chapel Car Emmanuel is the only one to still have church services performed in it. These services happen once or twice each year, depending on pastor availability. This year, the Jamboree in August is scheduled to have the



SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS with the Friends of the Railway make repairs to the tracks at Prairie Village after a minor derailment Saturday morning. After completing the repairs and running several safety tests, train rides began in the early afternoon.

second service this year.

Saturday featured a presentation by Rick Mills, the curator of the South Dakota State Railroad Museum in Hill City. Mills gave out plaques to two South Dakota Railroad Hall of Fame inductees, including D&I Railroad located in Dell Rapids and the Sioux Valley Model Engineers Society of Sioux Falls. Another inductee, Kalmbach Publishing Company, was unable to attend the presentation.

Mills discussed the history of railroads

in South Dakota, railroads' effect on the development of towns and cities in the region and the historical preservation work of the museum and local groups like the Friends of the Railway.

"One of the things we've done is try and bring all of the entities that preserve railroading history in South Dakota together. Because, let's face it boys and girls, we're a small pond, when you get down to it," he said. "What we do, we do out of love and out of respect for our heritage." ■



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The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on February 16th, 2023, at the EDWDD office in Brookings. Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The following persons attended:

Directors Present:

Mark Anderson*
 Jeff Barth
 Ryan Donovan
 Gary Duffy *
 Spencer Hawley
 Bob Kappel
 Troy Larson*
 John Moes
 Joedy Poppe*
Directors Absent: none

Others Present:

Dave Charron, SD Lakes & Streams Association*
 Dan Loveland, SD Lakes & Streams Association*
 John McMaine, South Dakota State University
 Brad Preheim, Vermilion Basin Water Development District*
 Deb Soholt, SD Lakes & Streams

Association*

Staff Present:

Barry Berg*
 Jay Gilbertson
 Jeremy Hinke
 Deb Springman

* - participated by way of video-conferencing.

Administrative Items

Approval of Agenda - Director Donovan asked that an update on the compensation review be added to the agenda.

Motion by Duffy, seconded by Barth to approve the agenda as so amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the January 19th, 2023, meeting.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Hawley to approve the January 19th, 2023, Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Selection of Area 1 Director - The Manager reviewed the process undertaken to appoint a person to fill the vacancy and represent Director Area 1. At the September 2022 meeting, the Board recognized that a vacancy would exist on January 1,

2023, as no valid nominating petitions had been filed in advance of the 2022 general election. SDCL 46A-3B-9 allows for the remaining Board members to appoint a replacement from qualified candidates proposed by nominating petitions signed by at least 25 eligible voters from the area. Public notices of the vacancy were sent to the official newspaper for the area in November and December, with a filing deadline of January 5th, 2023, as well as an indication that the vacancy would be addressed at Board's January or subsequent meetings. Director Moes could continue to serve until a replacement was appointed.

The Manager reported that a valid of nominating petitions was submitted by John Moes, the current/incumbent director from Area 1, on February 8th, 2023. No other petitions have been received.

Motion by Kappel, seconded by Duffy to appoint John Moes to serve as the Director Area 1 representative through the end of December 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports - The Board reviewed the January 2023 financial reports.

Motion by Moes, seconded by Barth to accept the January 2023 financial reports. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Anderson then asked that the reports be placed in the District files.

Report of Meetings and Conferences - Director Donovan reported on a meeting of the Northern Prairies Land Trust (February 13th), and noted that the Friends of the Big Sioux River would be holding a film festival that evening at the State Theater in Sioux Falls. Director Moes reported on the Lake Pelican Water Project District meeting in Watertown on February 15th.

The Manager briefly summarized the following meetings he attended since the January 2023 Board meeting:

1. January 31st & February 1st - Lobbying for Senate Bill 83, Pierre.
2. February 2nd & 3rd - Lobbying against SB 131, Pierre.
3. February 6th - 8th - Lobbying for SB 83, 143 & 195, Pierre.
4. February 9th - South Dakota Lakes & Streams Association research sub-committee meeting, via video-conference.
5. February 14th - Discussion with City of Brookings Parks & Recreation Department, Brookings.

Upcoming Meetings -

1. February 17th - 9:30 a.m. - video-conference. Water 2040 Steering Committee.
2. February 21st - Moorhead, MN. Red River Watershed Management Board.
3. March 7th & 8th - Pierre. South Dakota Water Management Board.
4. March 9th - Pierre. Last regular day of the 2023 Legislative

Session.

5. March 14th - 3:00 p.m. (MST) - Rapid City. West Dakota Water Development District Board of Directors meeting.

6. March 15 - 9:00 a.m. - EDWDD Office, Brookings. March EDWDD Board of Directors

7. March 15 - 3:00 p.m. - Centerville/ video-conference. Vermillion Basin Water Development District Board of Directors meeting.

8. March 16th - 9:00 a.m. - JRWDD Office, Huron. James River Water Development District Board of Directors meeting.

9. March 16th - 12 noon - Day County Courthouse, Webster. Lake Region District Spring County Commissioners and Officials Meeting.

10. March 27th - Final day of the 2023 Legislative Session (Veto Day).

The Manager requested adjustments to the Board meeting schedule in March and April. He has been asked to speak on regional water issues at meetings on the same dates. He suggested moving the meetings up by one day.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Moes to change the dates of the March and April 2023 Board of Directors meetings to the 15th and 19th, respectively. The start time and location would remain unchanged. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment Request(s) - The Manager presented the Board with a reimbursement request from the sponsor of a District-supported project. He noted that the request was in order, and consistent with provisions set by the Board at the time of award. He requested authorization to pay the following:

Grant Recipient/Activity
 Big Sioux River Water Festival Booklet*
 Requested Amount\$ 2,350.00
 Total \$ 2,350.00

* - This payments will complete the current District obligations to the effort.

Motion by Duffy, seconded by Hawley to authorize payment of \$2,350.00 as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Revisions to the 2023 District Budget - The Manager presented a year-end summary of fiscal year 2022 expenditures and expenses, and reviewed proposed changes to the FY 2023 District budget. He noted that the changes primarily reflect the actual year-end 2022 expenditures and account balances, along with carry-over of funds that had been obligated but not expended.

Motion by Hawley, seconded by Kappel to table consideration of changes to the 2023 District budget pending resolution of questions about the public notice requirements of such changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Larson left the meeting at

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South Dakota Lakes & Streams Association Assistance Request Representatives of the South Dakota Lakes & Streams Association (SDLSA) presented the Board with a request for cost-share assistance to conduct an assessment of the potential economic impact(s) of aquatic invasive species (AIS) within South Dakota. Specifically, the study will look at the impacts of dreissenid mussels (zebra mussels and quagga mussels), which have been identified in a number of water bodies in eastern and central South Dakota. The effort is to be modeled after a similar study conducted in Montana a few years ago, in cooperation it's author. The work will be conducted by faculty from the University of South Dakota (USD) and South Dakota State University (SDSU).

Dan Loveland, SDLSA Chair, Deb Soholt and Dave Charron (SDLSA Board members), along with John McMaine, SDSU, explained the reasons and goals of the request. The Montana study identified significant potential impacts over a broad range of areas, including irrigation, hydropower generation, domestic water supply, tourism and recreational fishing. The intent was to explore potential impacts as a basis for more aggressive preventative and mitigation efforts within the state, at a time when dreissenid mussels are not yet widely established. They noted that the projected cost of the two-year study was \$72,000. \$12,000 would come from in-kind match from USD, and so they were looking to raise the remaining \$60,000.

The Manager stated that funding would also be sought from other water development districts, and that requests were currently schedule to be considered by the Vermillion Basin WDD on March 15th and the James River WDD on March 16th. Ms. Soholt stated that SDLSA would be contributing a minimum of \$5,000 to the effort. Motion by Kappel, seconded by Donovan to award \$10,000 in District cost-share assistance funds toward the effort. Motion to Amend by Hawley, seconded by Duffy to award District cost-share assistance to cover fifty-percent (50%) of the necessary funds, up to a maximum of \$30,000. Motion carried with Directors Barth, Duffy, Hawley, Moes and Poppe, and Chair Anderson supporting, and Directors Donovan and Kappel opposed. Amended Motion carried with Directors Barth, Duffy, Hawley, Moes and Poppe, and Chair Anderson supporting, and Directors Donovan and Kappel opposed.

Review of the 2023 Legislative Session

The Manager reviewed the status of the various bills (listed below) that he had been tracking during the first portion of the 98th Session of the

South Dakota Legislature.

Senate Bill (SB) 17, An Act to make appropriations for water and environmental purposes and to declare an emergency.

SB 20, An Act to authorize the awarding of de-obligated grants in accordance with policies of the Board of Water and Natural Resources.

SB 44, An Act to repeal provisions regarding the creation of river basin natural resource districts. SB 83, An Act to revising provisions regarding water development districts.

SB 84, An Act authorize compensation for water project district directors.

SB 131, An Act to remove certain limitations on property tax levy increases.

SB 143, An Act to raise the revenue threshold for a required audit of a water development district. SB 152, An Act to provide increased funding for the water and environment fund. SB 156, An Act to make an appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act monies for eligible water projects and to declare an emergency.

SB 184, An Act to make an appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act monies for preconstruction activities of regional water system projects and to declare an emergency.

SB 195, An Act to authorize the redistricting of water development district director areas by the district's board of directors.

SB 200, An Act to authorize participation in contracts by certain board members and employees of water declare an emergency.

HB 1029, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the county zoning and appeals process. HB 1058, An Act to revise the water resources projects list.

HB 1072, An Act to subject lithium to severance tax.

HB 1134, An Act require property owner consent before construction resulting in lake water level alteration.

Director Poppe and Chair Anderson left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

District Updates

Summary of 2022 Water Quality Sampling Efforts (Rivers & Streams) - Jeremy Hinke presented a summary of the results of District river and stream water quality sampling conducted by District staff during 2022.

Compensation Review - The Manager reported that he would meeting with the consultant hired by the District to conduct a compensation review of District staff in the coming weeks, with plans to have the effort completed by early summer.

Adjournment

There being no further District business or other matters, Vice-Chairman Duffy declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Spencer Hawley, Secretary

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Summer weedlines are a great place for crappies

By NICK SIMONSON
Pierre Capital Journal

Summer's dense weedlines provide a veritable smorgasbord for crappies preying on minnows and other baitfish species. Best of all, as these verdant walls become denser while the dog days settle in, they become a barrier against which slabs can pin their prey and carry out a feeding frenzy in the warm waters of August.

Connecting with those feeding schools of specks this time of year can produce some in-credibly fast angling and a few simple lures and tactics can make a green-and-black blur of an evening on just about any water containing crappies.

AGAINST THE WALL

Think of summer's well-established weedlines as the boards on a winter ice rink, and the small minnows and insects moving in and out of them as a loose puck. Crappies will be schooling close to these areas frequently to find their food sources and are the proverbial hockey players on the chase to be

the first on the scene.

Notably, at dawn and dusk, crappies will be up higher in the adjacent water column and during midday may be found deeper, but still relating to well-established weedlines and utilizing this edge as a way of staying close to and corralling their food. Finding inside turns or small pockets on these established edges are worth a mark on the GPS, as the natural cup shape of such a feature provides a perfect place for specks to swarm and pin up their prey.

It's a perfect time to target such prime spots when winds are blowing into these holding areas and helping do the work of driving baitfish into a feeding zone.

ADVANCE OFFERINGS

Exploring weedlines is as simple as casting out and working an offering back to the boat. And checking a sonar screen to see what's below will help with that task.

Utilize a transducer to find summer weeds and then slowly cruise out to the edge of the stand

of vegetation. Cast flashy lures such as a Roadrunner jig, Beetle Spin or small crankbait like the Rapala Countdown in size 03 or 05, to cover the edge effectively and connect with fish, counting the lures down and retrieving them to determine the depth at which crappies happen to be holding or foraging.

Once located, more precision offerings can be made, utilizing small jigs with a 2-inch crappie tube or other tiny soft plastic. Small minnows suspended under a float provide an effective livebait option as well, and a little breeze helps add some action to any such presentation. Just be certain to monitor the rig's position so that it doesn't drift in and get tangled in the dense vegetation.

ANYWHERE ANGLING

From one side of a lake to another, or from crappie water to crappie water, the tactics of isolating productive weedlines can be easily transferred. Any way the wind blows, it's key to have a few good spots staked out as conditions change.

With the extended warm weather that August often brings, this pattern can stay put for weeks at a time and fishing will most certainly be good as long as things remain stable. Through the changing light conditions as well, be ready to move up in the column with casted offerings and raise the hook-and-minnow combination under a slip float to find the most effective areas as day turns to night.

A few successful outings will help provide insight into how things work on a particular water and will repeat year-after-year for continued success in the future, as long as the weeds keep growing, which is pretty much a guarantee.

Find those well-developed weedlines and the best spots sporting unique turns or pockets that help crappies corral baitfish, then utilize search-and-connect methods and more stationary options to catch them. From there, form a pattern that can be used elsewhere on a water or on any other crappie lake this time of year for the best success and make targeting the edges of summer's dens-est habitat a major part of your search for slabs. ■

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Time for Vegetables to Shine on the Grill

By ELIZABETH ANTONIO

Summer is the perfect time to fire up the grill and roast up some family favorites. Hotdogs, hamburgers, brats and steaks top the list for most Midwesterners grilling staples. But have you given vegetables the attention they deserve on your BBQ menu? We all know a healthy



diet including “eating the rainbow”. What easier way than throwing all your favorite veggies on the grill next time you cook out?

With summer simplicity in mind, these recipes have no marinade or special grilling tools necessary. Of course, you’re always welcome to marinate the vegetables or kabob them prior to grilling. But for this instruction, we will use this minimalist approach.

Pre-soaking the vegetables is not necessary. Some people find parboiling the vegetables prior to grilling helps reduce the possibility of your vegetables being more crisp than tender. If you are planning on using wooden skewers for kabobs, make sure you presoak the sticks for at least 1 hour prior to assembling them.

Corn on the Cob

Shuck and peel corn bare. Place directly on your grill. Rotate 90 degrees every 2-3 minutes for approximately 16-18 minutes. Do not be surprised if you hear a few pops!

Zucchini and Summer Squash

The larger the vegetable the better for these seasonal gourds. Slice in ½” rounds. Grill for 2-3 minutes on both sides.

Asparagus

Trim the asparagus by bending it and allowing it to snap at the natural breaking point. This will ensure that all the woody stalk has been discarded before you get to the grilling. Larger stalks work best to keep them from sliding into the grates. Roll on grill for 3-5 minutes or until it has char marks and can be pierced easily with a fork.

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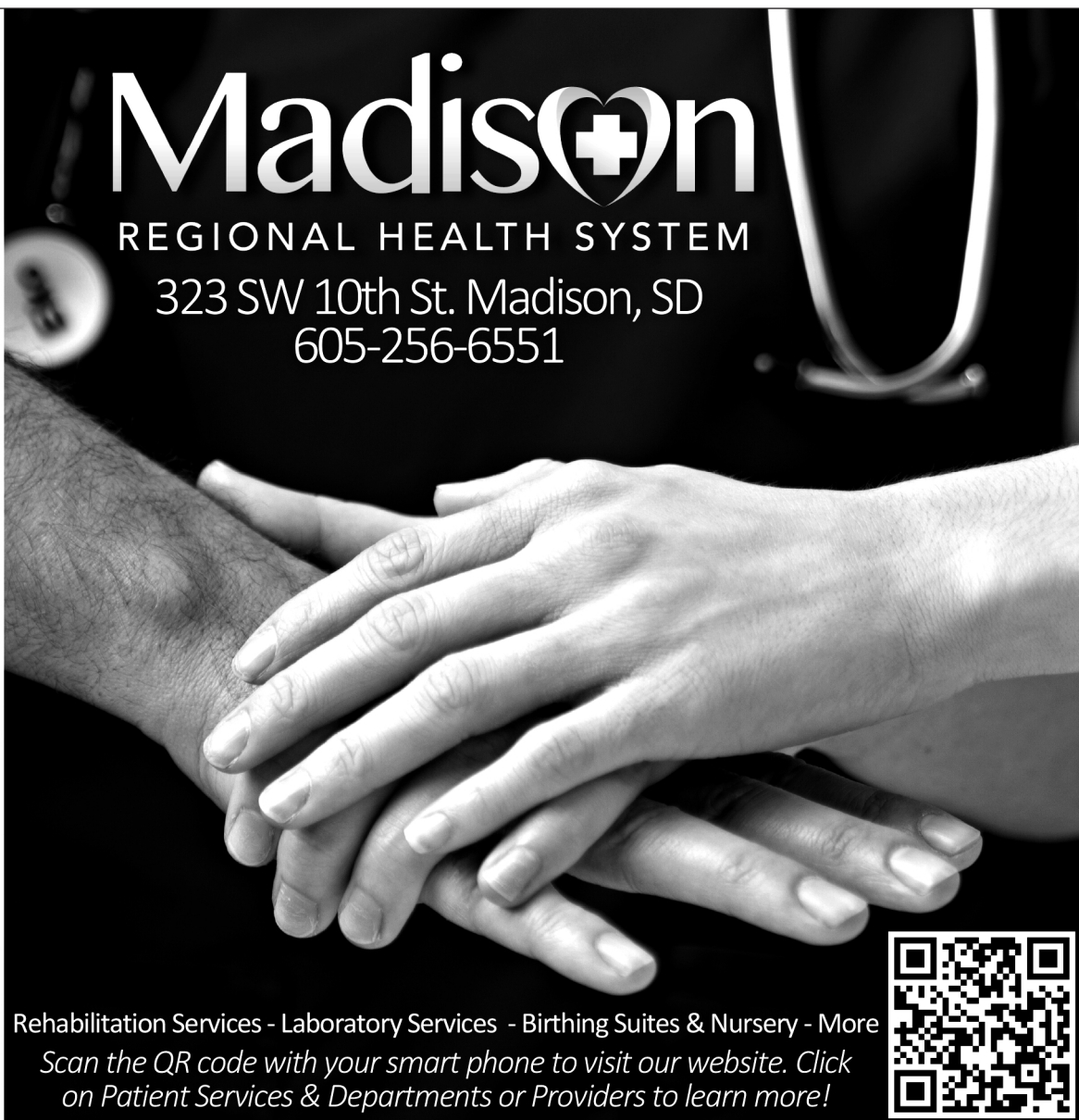
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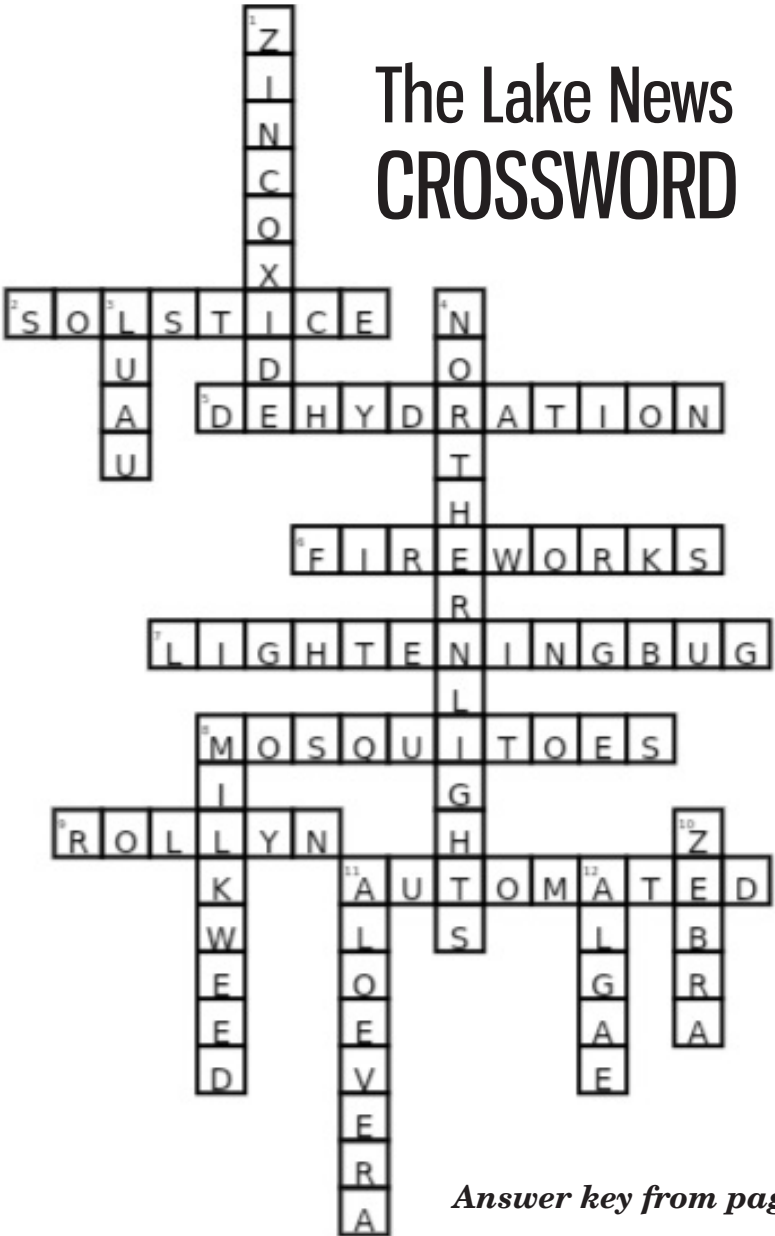
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Prairie Village NEWS

By **FARON WAHL**, *Manager*

If last week's column could have been titled "Youth and the Future of Prairie Village," this week's edition might simply be "Chapter Two – Another Angle."

In brief review, the phenomenon I touched on is the natural progression of age on many of our most ardent supporters, and how we need to continue to mine out-of-the-box thinking to cause our youth to discover us. This doesn't simply happen on its own, at least not at a rate that will fill the bill over the coming decade or two.

This past week we centered ourselves squarely into the sights of a closely related group of souls who hold great sway in bringing youth our direction: South Dakota's teachers.

I got connected earlier in the year with the Black Hills Special Services Cooperative, which was assisting with coordination of a State Department of Education project called the South Dakota Road Trip. This initiative afforded our state's educators an opportunity to investigate South Dakota's rich and diverse history first-hand.

Practically speaking, two separate bus tours of teachers crisscrossed the state over a five-day period in July, visiting locations that figure prominently into South Dakota's history. They experienced that history in-person while simultaneously learning from the individual attractions' leaders how each institution goes about bringing that history to the public. A golden opportunity we wouldn't want to

miss? Indeed.

As we strive to center our future on youth by discovering new ways to attract them here, welcoming those kids' teachers for an inside look at who we are and how we operate is something akin to cheese on a pizza. Bringing the kids themselves might be the base crust and sauce, but connecting directly with their teachers is a key topping not to be missed.

So, last Tuesday and Thursday, pairs of chartered buses rolled in, with 75 or so bright-minded educators stepping off ready to learn about us. One of the day's schedules required that we open two hours early to accommodate their tight itinerary, which I was more than happy to do.

The visit began with an overview of our business, who we're reaching and specifically how we accomplish this season after season. Many thoughtful inquiries followed, after which everyone toured our grounds, took photos and asked more questions.

Our annual spring school tours are fun to witness as the students and their teachers spend a few hours exploring the village and its offerings. But watching busloads of only

educators immersing themselves in our operation, curiously learning and following with key questions, was heartwarming to behold.

There's no telling, of course, exactly how many students will be reached in some manner with elements from these visits, especially when one considers the multiplying factors of kids sharing with parents and friends, potential new schools asking to tour and whatever else could emerge from the impact of reaching these teachers. One way or another, it was worthwhile. You can bet on that.

As the spouse of an educator, I have a deep heart for this critical vocation and the joys and challenges unique to its calling. Few professions truly reach into our future and influence it so mightily on the front end. Think about it.

We are thankful for the occasion to host these touring assemblies of educators. Hopefully their experiences were rich and fulfilling for them personally as well as for their students-to-be, and we will continue to warmly welcome any such opportunity in the future.

It truly matters..■

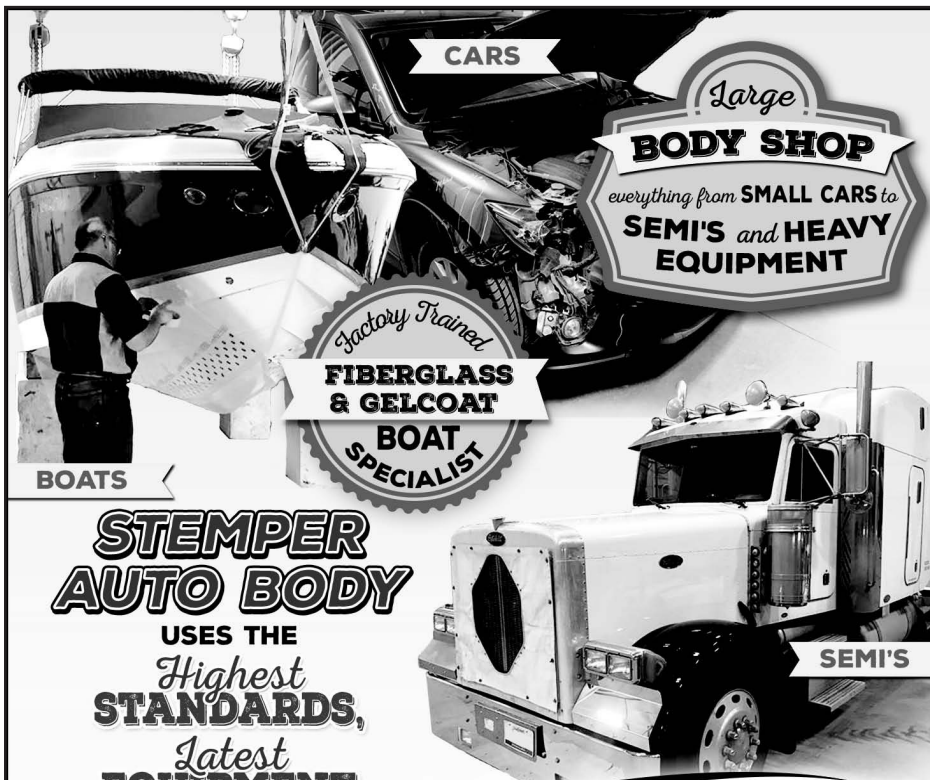
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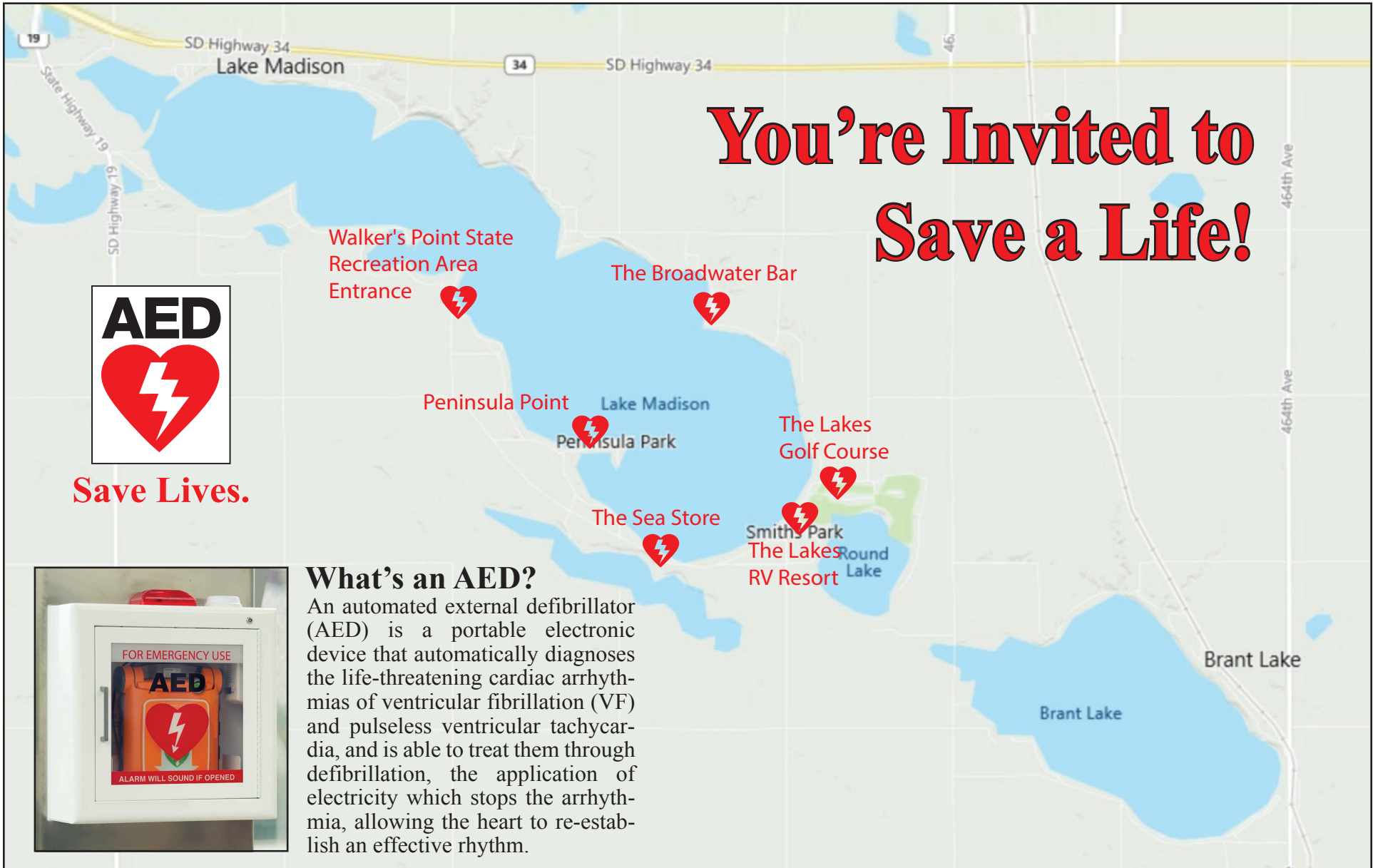
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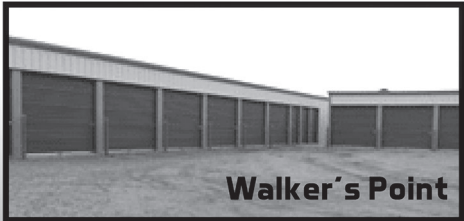
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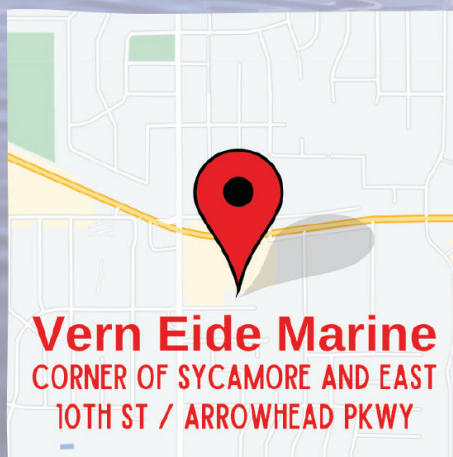
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South Dakota Receives Presidential Disaster Approval for Spring Flooding

PIERRE – Governor Kristi Noem announced today that South Dakota has received a Presidential Disaster Declaration that allows the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help South Dakota local governments in the counties of Brown, Clark, Codington, Day, Faulk, Grant, Hand, Marshall, Potter and Roberts, as well as the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation.

On June 2, Gov. Kristi Noem signed Executive Order 2023-08, which declared a disaster in the impacted counties. An estimated \$2,305,362 in qualifying costs were incurred during the flooding in those counties listed.

Federal resources will help with recovery from infrastructure damage sustained as a result of severe spring flooding.

Above normal seasonal snowfall and unusually cold late spring conditions resulted in a persistent and unusually deep snowpack into early April. In the second week of April temperatures became abnormally warm, surging to the 70s and 80s. This resulted in a period of very rapid snowmelt and both river and overland flooding. As a result of the flooding, many roads were not suitable for travel. Ten counties and one reservation suffered severe impacts to public infrastructure. ■



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