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The mission of the Naper Historical Society is to preserve, interpret, display, communicate, promote and honor the history, original structures, special places and artifacts of the people and culture of Naper, Nebraska, and the surrounding area. The Naper Historical Society intends to accomplish this mission by operating a museum, publishing a newsletter, sponsoring events, and in other appropriate ways. The Naper Historical Society will initially focus on four themes: School Days, Life in Naper Through the Years, White Horse Ranch, and Naper 28 Plane Crash.

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PLAY BALL!

One winter's day, about 20 people were sitting around one of the big round tables in the café when Velva June Blum brought out a picture of a ball team (below). Oh, my, the speculation, the stories, the looks, when everyone threw out their two cents worth about who, what, when and where. We'll share some of those stories here— anonymously, of course.

There were two fast pitch softball teams in the 60s and 70s in Naper. Imagine having enough players to do that! Ted Wentz coached the "older" team and Leo Blum was the pitcher. One day they started out in Naper playing against Ben Fuhrer's team. Ted's team, with Leo pitching, won the game. They drove to Milk's Camp where they played again and won the game with Leo pitching. That evening they headed to Bonesteel where they won once again with Leo pitching. The last batter for Bonesteel popped up a foul that was close to the first base line. Leo moseyed over, caught the ball for the last out of the game and then said, "Anybody else want to play a game?"

Duane Sieh played on Ted's team and also umpired a few games. When the name of one particular player was brought up, Duane made a stink-eye face. Hard to tell what that was all about. He was the home plate umpire when Loren Sieh made a head-first dive for home plate, sliding in on his belly, and claimed he touched the plate with his hand. The catcher tagged him on the shoulder. Duane called Loren out. Loren said he was safe. Loren's wife Linda said he was out. When the dust settled and Loren stepped away from home plate, he threw down a handful of dirt. What does that tell you?

During another game, Harley Nicolaus was on first

base, headed to second, when the batter hit a line drive between first and second. Harley hopped over the ball and kept on going.

There were several other teams in the area including Four Corners Rod and Gun Club team. It was 120 degrees one Sunday afternoon when they played there! Jamison fielded two teams, one coached by Ray Wolf and the other by Leon Zimmerman. Ray thought they needed a fence around the outfield and Leon thought otherwise. One night, a fence mysteriously appeared on the field north of Laverne Blake's Implement building. Before a game could be played, the fence just as mysteriously disappeared. When the teams showed up, there lay the snow fence in nice neat rolls off to the side.

One Sunday Ben Fuhrer's team was going to play Leon's team in Jamison but Leon was short a few players so he recruited from Ted's team. (You must understand there was a great deal of rivalry between the two Naper teams, coached by brothers-in-law Ben and Ted.) Duane Sieh, Mike Sieh, Harley Nicolaus and Bob Wentz thought they'd be good sports and help Leon out. Oh, my, the negative comments from the peanut gallery when that happened.

On the Fourth of July, Naper usually had a ball game played in the late afternoon. About 11 pm, the fireworks would be assembled on the field in the second base area, the flood lights would be turned off and several enthusiastic lighters would start on the pyrotechnics. After Harley lighted one of the items, it tipped over and seemed to chase him around the field. He could be seen in the "rocket's red glare", running away from it and looking like Homer Turtle. Fortunately, he was quicker than the fire and wasn't injured.

Ted was the manager of the team that Mike, Duane, Harley and Bob played on. He usually stood behind first base and gave advice. One time a rocking chair appeared behind first where Ted usually stood. It showed up at several games. (continued on page 2)



Back row: Eldon Vogt right field, Edward Peppel pitcher, Loren Sieh first base, Bill Peppel shortstop, Loris Shaeffer left field
Front row: Jim Blum centerfield, Dennis Wentz pitcher, Bob Wentz catcher, Merle Riesselman third base, Ben Fuhrer coach, Harley Nicolaus second base

PLAY BALL (continued)

One time it even made the trip to Jamison and ended up behind first base there!

On another "road trip", the team ended up in Bassett at the Cozy Corner having some food and then headed on to Long Pine where they found live music at Hidden Paradise. There was much laughter and dancing to see "how low can you go" under the limbo stick. Some players got lost and had to have help finding their way out of the place. And others lost something on the way home and had to return to the "scene of the crime" the next day to find it!

In later years, other ball players showed up. Once Alan Nicolaus missed a ground ball that was hit right to him on third base. Mike Sieh went to his pickup, got a scoop shovel and graciously offered it to Alan to see if that would help.



Above: The fire March 18, 1983, that destroyed the hall (interior pictured at left). Baccalaureate that year was held in the VFW. Commencement exercises were conducted on the concrete floor where the hall had been. Class of 1983, do you remember how windy it was that night?



Naper High School students and staff, 1955-1956, taken in the "new hall" completed in time for use that school year.

Beginning at the top (row 6): Melvin Bentzen, Bill Schultz, Larry Juracek, Wayne Schoenefeld, Bob Wentz, Ken Stoltenberg, John Peterson, Elmer Sattler, Duane Kibby, Marvin Cline, Gary Hoyt, Bryce Bronson

Row 5: Bernie Ludemann, Dennis Heermann, Don Swallow, Margaret Bendig, Sandra Putnam, Verna Cline, Virginia Erickson, Donnie Goodman, Harvey Dummer, Dennis Cline

Row 4: Earl Stahlecker, Larry Stoltenberg, Lorraine Bendig, Darlene Vogt, Janice Schultz, Shirley Bechtold, Shirley Schoenefeld, Ann Ludemann, Lyle Karnes, John Schmitz, Ronnie Schonebaum, Ronnie Sieh

Row 3: Supt. Casper Engelhaupt, Ronald Kulm, Carol Bechtold, Mardell Maertin, Lois Kibby, Mike Stahlecker, Gerald Kulm, Ken Katzer

Row 2: Mrs. Margaret Marx, Merlin Green, Margaret Vogt, Elaine Peterson, Marilyn Smith, Nina Bentzen, Patty Small, Rollen Hart, Neil Windmeyer, Wayne Cline, Maylon Kern

Row 1: Lorna Sieh, Donna Windmeyer, Gloria Beem, Jackie Bentzen, Phyllis Schock, Janet Cline, Barbara Vogt, Marjo Schonebaum, Jean Cline, Mr. Gary Welborn

REMEMBER WHEN . . .

By Marilyn Sieh

We had an exceptionally bad year for flu and colds this winter so I started thinking of how things have changed in the way we take pills in this modern day and the home remedies of the past generations before there were the medicines of today.

These remedies came from my mother's memories. When you had a cold, a mixture of kerosene and lard was rubbed on her throat and chest. For earache, her grandfather would put the stem end of his pipe in her ear and then would blow into the smoking bowl and hot smoke went into her ear. She remembered it helped. Sirup of Epicac was used for croup which would clear your throat by upchucking, but it was later banned. Sounds terrible, doesn't it? But they used whatever methods that worked for them at the time.

AND REMEMBER THIS:

We received big, thick, heavy catalogs through the mail twice a year—spring and summer, winter and fall. We couldn't wait to open the catalog to be able to see the latest style of clothes and shoes which were featured in the front pages. We girls probably never ventured any farther than those first pages.

The catalog featured so many different items to sell although I imagine most were purchased in our local towns.

The ones I remember are Sears and Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, Spiegel, and Aldens. I had a gal remind me of National Bellas Hess from which her mother ordered many items. J. C. Penney came later onto the scene.

Sears Roebuck sold houses to be built on site. I didn't know this until years later. You can drive around this area and be told "This is a Sears Roebuck house. (Ed. Note: LeRoy and Maxine McCarthy's home south of the Keya Paha River is a Sears Roebuck house, 1920; another is in Bonesteel on the south side of Highway 18.)

There are very few old catalogs left anymore but as we older ones remember:
 1. they were too big and bulky to keep;
 2. they were thrown away as soon as the next one arrived in your mailbox; and
 3. we had another use for them.
 (Ed. Note: They were used in the "little house out back" but when peaches came in season, wrapped in pink tissue paper that was used before all the fancy packing now available, that tissue paper surpassed a catalog sheet. However, it was probably not as fine as Charmin.)

The big and small sales catalogs have gone by the wayside. After Penney's quit sending small sales catalogs a few years ago, I talked to a clerk at a Penney's store. She told me they lost many customers because they had ended their mail order catalog.

A BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you for sending in your stories to the Naper Paper. After time I (we) run out of subject matter and welcome all who have a story to tell or an idea for a story or an article.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

NORWEGIAN STYLE-

Dere's only one God, ya know.
 Don't make dat stuffed walleye on your mantle an idol.
 Cussin' ain't nice.
 Go to church even when you're up nort.
 Honor the folks.
 Don't kill. Catch and release.
 Dere's only one Lena for every Ole. No cheatin'.
 If it ain't your lutefisk, don't be takin' it.
 Don't be braggin' 'bout how much snow ya shoveled.
 Keep your mind off your neighbor's hot dish.

COWBOY STYLE-

Just one God.
 Honor yer Ma and Pa.
 No tellin' tales or gossipin'.
 Git yerself to Sunday meetin'.
 Put nothin' afore God.
 No foolin' around with another fella's gal.
 No killin'.
 Watch yer mouth.
 Don't take what ain't yers.
 Don't be hankerin' fer yer buddy's stuff.

No matter what style, it's good advice.

UNDER THE SPREADING CHESTNUT TREE, THE VILLAGE SMITHY STANDS. .



This photo, provided by Betty Wilhelmsen Fast some years ago, was recently discovered and is a reminder of several things.

First, a father is passing on knowledge. Pete Wilhelmsen is giving Junior Wilhelmsen a lesson on how to weld. Secondly, notice the building—it is the old livery stable/ blacksmith shop on the east side of Main Street where the auditorium now stands. Third, the welding table Junior is using—looks like a 55 gallon barrel to me! I don't see much in the way of safety equipment and the inside of the building looks as dark as Grant's tomb.

Ah, yes, the Good Ol' Days.



**GRADES 1-2-3-4
 NAPER GRADE
 SCHOOL
 1941-1942**

Back row: E. Herrmann, Clinton Davis, Adrian Cline, Mike Herra, DeWayne Herrmann, unknown, Barry Blakkolb, unknown, Winston Stahlecker
 Middle row: Mary Feese, teacher, Deloris Serr, Gerald Stahlecker, Dennis Blakkolb, Harlan Stahlecker, Jim Blum, Joseph Krause, Betty Ulrich, Donnie Thibault
 Front row: Velda Gentele, Janet Davis, Benita Schmitz, Ardith Siewert, Mary Lou Herrmann, Helen Schmitz, Lucille Martin, Shirley Kramer, Delores Putnam, Esther Gentele, Janis Blakkolb

IT'S PARTY TIME!

Beverly Zink, a 1976 graduate of Naper High School, started at the USPS in 1981 and was appointed as postmaster at Naper in 1983. She was named Postmaster of the Year in 2006 and transferred to the Spencer office in 2012. She retired in March, 2018.

Keith Cline, a 1980 graduate of Naper High School and the rural mail carrier for the Naper area, retired May 1, 2018, after 30 years of driving through rain, sleet, hail, snow, mud, and whatever else Mother Nature could send.

Bev and Keith were honored at an open house April 29 in the Naper Lounge where members of the community showed their appreciation.



NEBRASKA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

The Spencer-Naper boys basketball team, 1999-2007, was selected as the Dominant Dynasty and will be inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame September 23.

During those years, their record was 216-19 which included a 56-game winning streak, two state championships and three runner-up finishes.

Naper students who played during that time were Kurt Kline, Matthew Alford and Marcus Alford.



Top photo: 2001 runner-up
Bottom photo: 2002 championship



AND THIS IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING . . .

The Naper Historical Society sponsored the spring trash pickup along four miles of Highway 12. There were nine walkers/pickers which is more than usual! Thanks!

The library is open on Thursdays from 1 pm to 3 pm, beginning April 1 through October. There are many new books to choose from, so stop by and pick up some good reading. If you happen to be in the café, there is a new bookcase there where the duplicates and/or excess books from the library are displayed. The books are free and it's surprising how many of them find a new home.

Book club meets at 2 pm on the last Thursday of the month. New members are always welcome!

The flagpoles at the Veterans Memorial in Knoll Crest Cemetery needed repairs and Craig Zeisler, Jim Zimmerman, Bryon Vogt, Sharon Vogt and Larry Anderson took care of that. New tops, including the pulleys, new ropes, new hooks and new flags—all in time for Memorial Day. The editor took a photo and as soon as a tech savvy five or six-year-old can help, she'll try to get the picture transferred from the camera to the computer to the Naper Paper.

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Auto body repair
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**KEEP NAPER STRONG
BUY LOCAL WHEN YOU CAN**

AMBULANCE CREW RAISING FUNDS

The Boyd County Ambulance is actively raising funds to purchase a LUCAS Chest Compression System for the Boyd County Naper Unit. This is a life support tool that can increase the chances of survival in the case of cardiac arrest. This device also increases the effectiveness of quality compressions and keeps our EMS personal safe.

The LUCAS™ Chest Compression System assists first responders and emergency medical technicians by providing effective and uninterrupted chest compressions on sudden cardiac arrest patients. With automated CPR the fatigue, individual variations or psychological factors are removed from CPR and there is no longer a need for shifting CPR providers every two minutes. Rescuers are freed up to focus on other critical life-saving tasks, such as ventilation, medication and defibrillation, which leads to an increased focus on cardiac arrest management. LUCAS™ facilitates the transportation of cardiac arrest patients with ongoing compressions, not only from the scene to the ambulance, but also inside a fast-moving ambulance. It is well established that effective CPR is very difficult to achieve manually in these situations. In addition, rescuers will no longer have to compromise their own safety by providing compression during transportation. With LUCAS™ consistently performing the compressions, rescuers are still able to sit firmly, belted and watching over the patient.

The Boyd County- Butte Unit currently has a LUCAS Chest Compression System that we were able to receive through a grant program. We feel that this would be a great addition to the Naper Unit as well. Our goal is to continue to provide our communities with the most effective care possible and we are asking for your help to do so. The Boyd County Ambulance Service continues to look for ways to purchase equipment without the use of county tax dollars, and we would be happy to place a much-needed

piece of equipment in the Naper area with your help.



Any donation you would like to make in helping us purchase this unit can be sent to :

Boyd County Ambulance, Box 7, Butte, NE 68722.

If you have further questions about the LUCAS Chest Compression System, please contact a member of the Boyd County Ambulance Squad. ++++++

THIS OLD TYPEWRITER

Xvxn though this typxwritr is an old modxl, it works vxry wxll, xxcxpt for onx kxy. You'd think with all thx othxr kxys working, onx kxy would hardly bx noticxd. But just onx kxy out of whack sxxms to ruin thx wholx xffort. Havx you vxvr said to yoursxlf, "I'm only onx pxrson. No onx will noticx if I don't do my bxst." But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx, bxcausx to bx xffctivx, vxxfyonx must do his or hxr bxst. So if you'rx having onx of thosx days whxn you think you just arxn't vxry important and you'rx tmptxd to slack off, rxmxmbxr this old typxwritr. You arx a kxy pxrson, and whxn you don't do your bxst, nothing xlsx works out thx way it should. ++++++

NAPER NEWS

(by Mrs. John Schonebaum, Butte Gazette, December 9, 1954)
Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Zink and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Vogt were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Helenbolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Cline, Gary, Marvin and Orlan, were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Windmeyer and family.

Cpl. Adrian Cline arrived on Monday from Korea for a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harney Cline. After his furlough, he will return to Japan.

Donald D. Vogt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claus Vogt arrived home on November 26 from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, for a 15-day furlough with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Davis and Clinton and a friend, and Matt Davis, were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis and family.

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BUILT TO LAST

I made a trip back to my hometown last week for my grandparent's fifty-year anniversary.

It was black leather wingtips and big bouffant hair, your typical senior affair.

They were cutting a rug to a Glen Miller tune when someone stood up and tapped a glass with a spoon.

It was old Eddie Vickers, granddaddy's best man and his eyes grew misty as he raised his glass of champagne.

He said, "Here's to the makers of things built to last, like church bells and bridges and baseball on grass,

Like Ferguson tractors and Dan Post boots and my daddy's old tools that I still use.

The pledge of allegiance, the stars and the stripes, the words in the Bible, the sun in the sky.

And here's to the twinkle in old married eyes still there after fifty years passed—here's to the makers of things built to last."

We live in a world now of plastic and glue, disposable honor, replaceable truth.

If a part breaks, why fix it? Man, what's the use? It costs less to buy it brand new.

Oh, but lately I've looked in the eyes of my wife and I see there what matters the most in this life.

And I've decided I'm taking a stand to stay on that fifty-year-plan inspired by the words of a very wise man.

He said, "Here's to the makers of things built to last, like church bells and bridges and baseball on grass,

Like Ferguson tractors and Dan Post boots and my daddy's old tools I still use.

The pledge of allegiance, the stars and the stripes, the words in the Bible, the sun in the sky.

And here's to the twinkle in old married eyes, still there after fifty years passed. Here's to the makers of things built to last."

(Author unknown)



THE OL' HOMESTEADER IS A-GETTIN' OLDER EVER' DAY BUT HE STILL HUNTS UP SOME NEWS

Busy kids . . .

Kaci Mashino (daughter of Dustin and Tammy Mitchell Mashino) did very well in area and state speech contests.

At the Niobrara Valley Conference Industrial Technology Day, Austin Koenig (son of Kevin and Stacy Zink Koenig, grandson of Jeff and Rindy Zink, great-grandson of Louise Neumiller Zink) placed in welding, bridge testing and quiz bowl.

Kelli Mashino (daughter of Dustin and Tammy Mitchell Mashino) was named to the Dean's List at the University of Nebraska.

Harmony Tapley (daughter of Ross and Jessie Vogt, granddaughter of Vern and Deb Vogt), Adrienne Bengtson (daughter of Matt and Ellen Bengtson, granddaughter of Janet Cline Eggert), Austin Koenig, Hannah Drueke (daughter of Tony and Beth Goodman Drueke, granddaughter of Vern and Linda Goodman), Kaci Mashino, Zander Kluckman (son of Jim and Blair Vogt Kluckman, grandson of Kelly and Lois Nicolaus Vogt, great-grandson of Don and Gloria Beem Vogt and Charlotte Karnes Nicolaus), Natasha Zeisler (daughter of Jesse and Kim Zeisler, granddaughter of Richard and Sheryl Zeisler), Blake Ahlers (son of Dan and Tara Ahlers, grandson of Wayne and Virginia Schonebaum Ahlers), and Evan Reiman (son of Casey and Lisa Ahlers Reiman, grandson of Wayne and Virginia Schonebaum Ahlers) were on the Boyd County Schools honor roll.

Kaci Mashino, Blake Ahlers, Justin Drueke (son of Tony and Beth Goodman Drueke, grandson of Vernon and Linda Goodman), Jesse Cline (son of Hoyt and

Julie Cline, grandson of Marvin and Judy Hoyt Cline) and Austin Koenig were Boyd County Schools tracksters. (see p. 7) Harmony Tapley and Kaci Mashino participated in the state FCCLA leadership conference.

Austin Koenig, Gina McCarthy (daughter of Darrin and Connie McCarthy, granddaughter of LeRoy and Maxine Windmeyer McCarthy), Natasha Zeisler, and Kaci Mashino competed at the state FFA convention.

Jesse Cline was named king at the Boyd County prom.

Justin Drueke and Blake Ahlers were named to the Niobrara Valley Conference all-conference basketball team.

Zander Kluckman and Natasha Zeisler's essays were winners in the Spencer Legion Americanism Essay competition.

New faces. . .

Louise Neumiller Zink is the great-great-grandma; Jeff and Rindy Zink are great-grandpa and great-grandma; Gregory and Renee Zink are grandpa and grandma; Kendall Ross Zink was born February 13, 2018 to Trenton Zink and Bailey Leach.

Cory and Jessica Cline Haglund are proud parents of Elsie Lynn, born March 5. Keith and Lora Sieh Cline are grandparents; Marvin and Judy Hoyt Cline and Duane and Marilyn Smith Sieh are great-grandparents.

Grayson Vogt is Big Brother to Hadley Lynn, born March 13, to Ryon and Emma Vogt. Bryon and Sharon Sattler Vogt are grandparents, Jim and Mabel Riesselman Sattler are great-grandparents.

Auston and Abbie Vogt's daughter Madison Patricia was born March 20. Vern and Deb Mitchell Vogt are grandparents. Andrew and Alex Mashino Ambriz are parents of Zander James, born March 20.

The Naper Paper is your paper. We rely on you, our readers, for support, both financial and "pat on the back". We count on you for stories and ideas about what we need to write, print, explore, photograph. We appreciate you and want to say "Thanks!"

Dustin and Tammy Mitchell Mashino are grandparents.

Bill and Karen Peppel's grandson Luca Alexander was born March 30 to Brett and Kara Peppel Vallow.

Skye and Allison Higgins added Bergen Skye to their family, born April 4. Grandparents are LaVern and Brenda Klien Higgins; great-grandmother is Margaret Vogt Klien Schmitz.

Rylie Faye joined the family of Corbett and Chasity Sachtjen April 9. Terry and Michaela Sachtjen are grandpa and grandma.

Congratulations . . .

Local photographer Trudy Waterman's work is featured in the Fine Art in Towns Under 10,000 online art gallery. Readers from around the world can view and purchase art from the site, nebraskarulliving.com/fine-art.

Logon Brabec, Vern and Deb Vogt's grandson, won the state Knights of Columbus free throw contest! We'll be watching this guy in years to come on the basketball court.

Blake Ahlers, Adrienne Bengtson, Jesse Cline, Justin Drueke and Harmony Tapley graduated from Boyd County Schools May 12.

Macy Ahlers graduated from Augustana University May 19.

Visitors. . .

About 30 people were in town April 7 to view the sharp tail grouse lek southwest of town. Although it seemed pretty chilly to those in the blind or on the bus, the grouse didn't seem to mind and did their dance anyhow.

Sayin' goodbye . . .

Madonna Hovey Peterson, a 1962 graduate of Naper High School, died May 7. She lived in Colorado for many years.

**LETTERS,
LETTERS,
LETTERS—
JUST KEEP 'EM COMIN!**

[If you want to contact the Naper Historical Society, you can mail us a letter at Box 72, Naper, NE 68755; you can call 402-832-5471; you can look at our website napernebraska.org; or you can e-mail us at papabear@threeriver.net.]

Enclosed please find the brochure I contacted you about many months ago. I apologize for the delay in getting this to you—seems that life got in the way! I found this in my uncle's belongings after he and my aunt had passed away. They had no children and loved to travel so it is my guess that at some point in time they visited the White Horse Ranch and saw one of the shows. I had never seen the brochure before or remember them mentioning the ranch but was delighted in finding it, knowing how much they must have enjoyed being there. My brother and I were both blessed with a number of trips across the Midwest with both of them. Many fond memories!

I'm so glad my search on the internet was successful in finding you, and being able to send "The All-Girl White Horse Revue" Pictorial Souvenir back home. My aunt and uncle, Mae and Thurman Riggs, would be thrilled to know it has found its way back to where it all started. I wish I could have seen the show with them.

Joan Miller

Ed. Note: Although we have dozens of souvenir booklets and brochures of the White Horse Ranch, this was one we hadn't seen before. Thank you very much! It's displayed in the museum.

Thank you for all the work put into the Naper Paper. We both enjoy it!

Lawrence and Jane Reiman

Enclosed is a check for your wonderful paper. We always look forward to it and to what's happening there.

R. and V. Stahlecker

Thank you for the Naper Paper! I enjoy it so much!

I am still running the Winner Drive In Theater and plan to open it in May for the 69th season. I just turned 86 in December. So many fun memories from Naper! Thanks again!

Betty Wilhelmsen Fast

Just a line or so and I want to thank you for the newsletter—enjoy it very much. Enclosed find a check to help with expense.

I was superintendent of Naper Schools 1950-51-52. Enjoyed my time there as I had a good faculty, very concerned school board and a great bunch of students. I'm in good health at 96 years old and entertain in several rest homes, playing my button accordion which I enjoy doing. I feel that my years in Naper, we made progress in the school system.

Sincerely,

Dan Duffy

Ed. Note: Included in Mr. Duffy's letter was his card

**DAN THE ACCORDION MAN,
PLAYING YESTERDAY'S SONGS
AT REST HOMES—ASSISTED LIVING**

Great job on the paper. Really look forward to getting each issue.

Leroy Ahlers

Just a note to let you know Carolyn and I have made it through another winter. It's been raining just about every day and things are a mess. We always complain, either too much or too little. But with green grass and new calves, what the heck.

Hope everyone at Naper is doing fine.

Take care and have a wonderful year.

The Clines, Orland and Carolyn

Enclosed is a check for the Naper Paper. I appreciate the Naper Paper and those who work to keep it published.

Clarice Ahlers Alons

I really enjoy the Naper Paper and am always surprised how many people I remember. I am sending a small donation for the paper. I appreciate you sending it.



Claudia Sparks Vaughn

BOYD COUNTY TRACK TEAM GOES TO STATE!

Back row far left, Blake Ahlers, next Austin Koenig, far right, Justin Druke, the three young men from Naper who were on the team.

Blake was first in 3200 m. run, second in 1600 m. run. The boys' 4x400 relay came in seventh. What a fine season and a good showing at state!

**VOLUNTEERS KEEP
CEMETERIES LOOKING
GOOD**

When you come to the area and visit the cemetery where your loved ones are buried, you're probably pleasantly surprised to see how nice everything looks.

It takes a lot of time and effort to get mowers, weed eaters, chain saws, tractors and trailers lined up. It takes more time and effort to get a crew organized to do the work.

Jim and Mabel Sattler do the job at the Leatherman Cemetery and the German Congregation Cemetery. Shawn Higgins keeps up the Baptist Cemetery. Brad Ludemann and Dave and Carmen Schmitz maintain Sacred Heart Cemetery. Bob Allpress tends to Oakdale Cemetery. The Knoll Crest Cemetery Board does most of the upkeep at Knoll Crest but this year Ross and Jessica Vogt and their family also have put in lots of hours.

There is no salary, no hourly wage, no reimbursement for expenses incurred. The workers furnish their own machines, their own fuel, their own time. Before any mowing or trimming can be done, all of the ornaments and flowers have to be removed so the mowers can get close to the stones, then replaced after the mowing and trimming is done. It takes a lot of time.

It makes their jobs much more difficult when flowers and other ornaments are allowed to accumulate. Of course there will be many different decorations placed on the graves for Memorial Day but PLEASE remove flowers by June 10 and limit ornaments to two per plot after Memorial Day.

**CRUISE NIGHT SET FOR
JUNE 9**

If you want to cruise Main Street again just like you did when you were in high school, here's your chance!

The Town Board, the Naper Café and Lounge and many local supporters encourage you to bring your new cars, your old rat rods, your antique buggies, your buckets of bolts, your Harleys and your Hondas to Naper. Cruising starts about 7 pm and goes on until ???

This is the ninth annual cruise night and promises to be bigger and better than ever.

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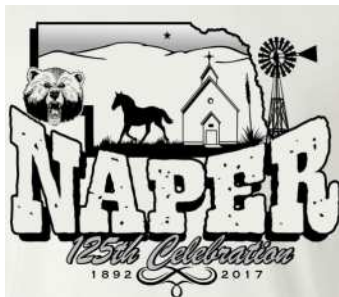
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