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AND NOW, THE REST OF THE STORY. . .

Richard Zeisler's Memories of District 49

[As others have mentioned,] our most exciting game was chasing gophers in fall and spring. Most often the gopher made it to his hole. One day we did have a skunk in the coal shed. Teddy Fernau felt that he could rid the building of the skunk. The skunk won and Teddy was dismissed for the day.

Our field trip was usually a hike to the Keya Paha River or Twin Butte at the end of the year. Observing wild flowers and animals was our assignment. It was much fun! One year we came upon a big bull snake by the Keya Paha River. He put the fear in me, as he looked big enough to swallow me.

We always had a big school picnic at the end of the school year by the Hanschew trees. Many, many people attended.

Some of my wonderful teachers: Mrs. Esther Dawson, Miss Twila Wilson, Miss Betty Fernau, Mr. Aaron Armfield, Miss Sharon Anderson, Miss Mary Lu Podany, Miss Myrna Gosch. Our county superintendent was Miss Eva Barnes.

Thank you, teachers!

MY MEMORIES OF DISTRICT 49

By LouAnn (Ahlers) Pribil

District 49 school is a school of which I will always have good memories because it later became my home. My first teacher was Lavera Reber followed by Ethie Reber.

My attendance at District 49 began the middle of third grade. I was coming from a "town school" in Spencer to a one room rural school so I don't remember feeling scared or even nervous. I knew some of the kids at District 49 plus I came with my own sup-

port system, an older brother and a younger sister. We seemed to fit in pretty well so third grade which began at Spencer continued on at District 49 with no serious problems.

One thing that really stands out for me was our annual program production. If I remember correctly, we alternated yearly between Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. This had to be the best time of the year! The last few days before the program, classes were suspended and we worked on rehearsals and everything needed to get ready for our production. There were wires hung from the ceiling with a wire going from each ceiling wire on which curtains were hung. There was a platform, if memory serves me, that was stored in the coal shed and brought in for our stage. It was all very exciting to pull the curtains and reveal what was on the stage. This might be one of younger students reciting a piece to a group singing or the set and cast of a play. It was a thrill to be a cast member of the plays! Once the program was over, there were goodies furnished by the moms to be eaten. Putting away everything after the program was not nearly as much fun as the preparation!

We had a fair little library for a rural school. I am sure I read every book in it but my favorites were any that had horses in them. The Black Stallion series and horse books by Will James including Smoky the Cow Horse and Sand were among those books. When District 49 closed, these books were distributed among us students through a drawing process.

Other memories that come to mind are:

Printing off a school paper on a gel duplicator. A person wrote with a soft purple pen on regular paper. This paper was then laid face down on a layer of gel in a flat tin box and rubbed to make the purple ink absorb into the gel. Once the original was removed, then clean pieces of paper could be laid on the gel and a copy could be made. I don't remember how many copies

could be made but I do remember it being cool to a grade schooler!

End of school picnics held at the Hanschew trees close to the Twin Buttes. There were tubs of ice cream for dessert and it was followed by climbing the tall butte. (I couldn't begin to count the number of times I have climbed that butte!)

"Baking" potatoes on the oil burner for lunch. We would wrap potatoes in foil and put them on the top of the oil burner (our source of heat) sometime in the morning. By noon, we had hot baked potatoes for lunch. This was a treat and a change from our usual sandwiches, fruit and a candy bar.

One memory stands out. It was one of those you will never forget where you were or what you were doing events—The day President Kennedy was assassinated. Everett Breyer brought a radio to school so that we could listen to history being made. What a sad, shocking day that was!

This list could go on much longer but I will quit here.

Then on to how the school building became my home. When the school closed, my dad purchased the school building and moved it to a foundation in our yard. Dad added a garage on one end and an entry way, bedrooms and a bathroom on the other end. Our kitchen, laundry/utility room and living room were what used to be the school house. There was really nothing in our house that would lead a person to believe it was once a school house. It was a comfortable, nice home for our family and kind of cool that it used to be a school house!

District 49 closed the end of my sixth grade year. Some of us went in to the Naper school and some into the Butte school. I don't remember being nervous about going to a "town school" again. Remember, I had already been to one! But, I had a classmate coming in with me and a cousin who had just moved back to Naper from Denver and was starting seventh grade there too.

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I will always be grateful for my years at District 49. I was able to experience country school at a school that had a fair number of students yet have the learning opportunity of having only two of us in my class. I feel that I was a small part of the history of education in Nebraska.

THE TEACHER HAS SOME MEMORIES TOO!

Myrna Gosch, who graduated from Naper High School in 1955, has memories of her days as a student in a rural school and as a teacher in districts near Naper.

Myrna attended District 60. From that school yard you could see both Keya Paha County, Nebraska, to the west and Gregory County, South Dakota, to the north. Some of her schoolmates were the Dummer children and the Schoenefeld children. Among her teachers were Violet Sieh Stahlecker, Vendla Richardson Burkinshaw, Darlene Mayer Sieh, Esther Dawson and Vivian Schock Alexander. She attended all eight grades there before coming to Naper for High School in 1951.

She taught District 48 northeast of Naper and stayed with her sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Ervin Schochenmaier. Alma and Betsy Bendig were two of her students.

Myrna stayed with Duane and Joan Zeisler when she taught District 49. She remembers burning trash in a 55 gallon barrel which had some air holes near the bottom. Sparks escaped from the barrel and the ditch near the school caught on fire! Luckily the fire played out when it got to the gravel road.

They had a hotplate in school so they could warm something for lunch which was so much better than eating a cold sandwich.

Myrna got married while teaching District 49 and took maternity leave near the end of the second year. Shirley Schoenefeld Stollenberg (one of Myrna's schoolmates at District 60!) finished the year.

DISTRICT 44

At one time there were 80 school districts in Boyd County, numbered 1 through 80 in the order in which they were organized. Nebraska had more than 7200 school districts, which was more than any other state, during the homesteading days and before consolidation took its toll.

Two sections (16 and 36) in each township were designated "school sections" and the income from those parcels was used to support the schools. Over the years some of the land has been sold but "school land" auctions are still held in Boyd County.

The first schoolhouse, put into use about 1893, was the Linaberry homestead house, located near the lone evergreen tree about 3/4 of a mile west of the later site. After that first term, the children went to school in the kitchens of various homes and other buildings until Pete Andersen donated an acre of land for the building which for years was located across the section line from the end of Kenneth and Elaine Vogt Ellwanger's lane. (It is now in the Bohnet farmyard southwest of Naper.)

Jesse Fast was born in 1861 in Ohio, married Christina Drexel in 1881 and came to a farm west of Naper in about 1891. (Alan Nicolaus now lives on that farm.) Jesse was a patron of District 44, along with the Wentz, Schock, Wetzler, Boettcher, Bantel and other families. District 44 was organized February 15, 1892.

With donations of labor, material, money and time, the building was erected without bonding the district. According to Luree Barnes' book, History of Boyd County, Mr. Fast shot prairie chickens and sold them for 35c apiece to raise part of the money needed for his donation.

Barbara Vogt Schoenefeld remembers the school as a typical rural school with windows on the south and a pot-belly coal stove. There was a cellar on the schoolgrounds but not attached to the building.



DISTRICT 53 STUDENTS IN 1944



Back row: Paul Neumiller, Lester Neumiller, LeRoy Ring, Clayton Ring, Art Neumiller, unidentified boy
Front row: Larry Berg, Dennis Camin, Louise Neumiller, Joy Helenbolt, Neil Helenbolt, Evelyn Ring, Janet Cline

District 53 was two miles west and two miles south of Naper, located atop a hill on the east side of the county road. Ludwig Siewert and Gottlieb Krause homesteaded in 1891 and started a school in 1892. School was first held in the homes of the patrons and the first teacher was Lillie Thibault. When there were only a few students attending District 53, it was merged with Naper District 21.

DISTRICT 44 STUDENTS IN 1955-1956

Back row: Teacher Ethie Reber, Carolyn Schultz, Judy Vogt, Orland Cline, Karen Reber, Jerry Goodman
Middle row: Donna Goodman, Gary Cline, Elaine Vogt, Marilyn Vogt, Dennis Green, Mary Reber
Front row: Dale Reber, Nilo Reber, Bob Schultz

Occupational Therapy Tips for Fall Prevention

According to Circle of Care, "Falls are the leading cause of hospitalization for people aged 65 and older" (Circle of Care, 2018, p. 1). One of occupational therapy's main objectives is safety. Here are a few tips to ensure that your living environment is safe.

In the home:

- Remove throw rugs
- Wear non-slip shoes/slippers
- Place bright tape on raise thresholds to bring attention
- Keep pathways clear
- Use nightlights in unlit areas
- Install grab bars around the bathtub and toilet
- Install railings on stairs

Outside of the home:

- Use a walker or cane
 - Keep your phone in your pocket
 - Keep an eye on the height of the curbs and stairs before stepping down
 - Watch sidewalks for rocks, cracks, and other debris
 - Keep a bag of kitty litter in your pocket in case of icy surfaces
 - Wear a device that you will be able to alert family or medical professionals if you are alone
- Falling can lead to serious injuries such as broken bones or head injuries. It is important to be aware of your sur-

roundings and what you can do to prevent falls. An occupational therapy practitioner can come to your home to help make needed changes. By making some of these small changes it can reduce risk of falling and prevent injury.

(The above article was submitted by Megan Neumiller who is studying to become an occupational therapy assistant. It was a requirement for one of her courses in the Grand Island OTA program at Central Community College. Megan is the mother of four and lives in Hastings. She is the daughter of Brent and the late Melody (Cline) Neumiller, and Lester Neumiller's granddaughter.)

67TH ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET

MAY 23, 2020

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YEARS ENDING IN ZERO—**

1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990,

2000, 2010, 2020

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THE MIRACLE OF THE LOAVES AND FISHES AND THE COVERED DISHES

By Ann Anderson

In a community the size of Naper, everyone knows everyone and everyone knows everyone likes to eat. So, whenever there is an occasion for a group to gather, whether it is a happy occasion (Welcome home! New house! New baby! Retirement! Happy birthday!) or a sad occasion (moving away, funeral, illness), there shall be FOOD!

The stage for the Miracle of the Covered Dishes is set when the group has assembled in the hall, the VFW, a church meeting room, or the park. The men are seated in groups visiting about the weather and farming. The women are bustling about the kitchen/dining area, making sure the trays, plates, silverware, napkins and food are displayed in an orderly fashion. Is it time to remove the lids from the Covered Dishes? The Miracle is about to happen!

The first miracle is the Miracle of Quantity. Just as the loaves and fishes were sufficient to feed 5000, the covered dishes will always contain enough food to feed those gathered. Many times there will be a smidgen of this or a pinch of that left in the bottom of the bowl to prove that yes, indeed, there was an abundance of food and an even larger crowd could have been fed.

The second miracle is the Miracle of Quality. Every woman in this community is a certifiable Good Cook. Those words should be embroidered in gold on the pot holders and dish towels in each kitchen. It matters not if the cook has 24 hours or 24 minutes to prepare a dish, the food will be appealing and delicious.

The third miracle is the Miracle of Variety. Although some dishes are seasonal (pumpkin pie, rhubarb torte, cucumber salad), at every gathering there is an assortment of every kind of food. Never does it happen that everyone brings scalloped potatoes and no desserts or there are 23 Jell-O salads and no meat. There will always be a spread of food that would make Betty Crocker hug her food pyramid and smile.

How about a cup of coffee and a piece of sour cream raisin pie?

BACK IN THE DAY

Thanks, Bonnie Moody, for providing these interesting tidbits from the **Butte Gazette** archives.

1933-1934

Ed Peppel and Mrs. Fred Rockholm went to Spencer last Wednesday.

Norman Rockholm came home from Wayne Thursday evening to attend the funeral of little June Serr. He returned to Wayne Monday.

The Carl Cunningham family drove to Stuart Thursday evening where Mrs. C. and Ioan took the train for Omaha where Ioan took part in the World-Herald spelling contest. Naper is proud of her, for she spelled 15 rounds before being retired. They returned home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Herman Anderson of Cheyenne, Wyo., is visiting her sister Mrs. C. L. Klein.

Ward Putnam went to Spencer on Thursday.

Frederick, Roger, Darro and Pete Rockholm returned last Wednesday from Chicago where they have been attending the world's fair.

Spencer Advocate, The Letter Box, August 30, 1934

Butte-Naper Girls' Kittenball Game

Naper, Aug. 25

Dear Editor:

The Naper Ladies Kittenball did tie the Butte girls in a real knot when they won from them on the Butte diamond last Friday night. It seems to be a knot that Butte couldn't untie or maybe they haven't tried.

Anyway Naper ladies won the game from Butte far [sic] and square and can win from Butte again if they will make their appearance at Naper some time in the near future—with a Butte team and not one picked from Gregory and Boyd county both or from other teams [sic].

Here is exactly how it was: At the end of the game, Mrs. Given Reber, Naper's scorekeeper, had the score 8 to 1 in Naper's favor. Mrs. Reber has been our scorekeeper many times and is efficient. The Butte lady (I do not know who she [sic] was) had the score 10 to 11 in Butte's favor. Which of the two scorekeepers was correct is hard to determine. Butte agreed to call the game a tie,

play another inning and the winner take the game. The inning resulted in a tie, 2 to 2.

Butte challenged Naper to another inning which was won by Naper 2 to 0.

Let us take either scorekeeper's score at the end of the seventh inning and Naper wins either way.

Butte, the only way you can take revenge on Naper is by trying to skin us in athletics—baseball, basketball or kittenball. But when we are beaten, we'll admit it—but we want to be beaten fair and square.

We sincerely hope that we shall meet the Butte girls at Naper in the near future and if they are capable probably they can take home the bacon—but Naper needs her bacon as hogs are going up.

The people needn't wonder about who won the game Friday. I think I have made it plain enough for all to understand, and I hope you publish this letter so that people won't be left wonderig [sic] any longer.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Rockholm, ne [sic] of the Naper Kittenball players.

[Ed. Note: It seems emotions were running high after this game and we have no idea if there was another one. We assume the misspelled words were typos because Marguerite was an excellent speller. And if you don't know what kittenball is, it is another name for softball, which has also been called "indoor baseball", "diamond ball", "mush ball" and "pumpkin ball" over the years.]

1982 Spring Concert Program April 7, 1982, Sally Pierce was music teacher and director. Laura Nicolaus, Tammy Wentz and Lisa Ahlers performed a clarinet trio. Shelda Cline had a coronet solo; Merry Sieh an alto sax solo and Sheryl Sattler a clarinet solo.

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INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW...

Q: Where can single men over the age of 70 find younger women who are interested in them?

A: Try the bookstore or library, under Fiction.

Q: As you grow older, how can you avoid seeing wrinkles?

A: Stay away from mirrors.

Q: Why should senior citizens use valet parking?

A: Valets don't forget where you parked your car.

Q: Is it common for older folks to have problems with short term memory storage?

A: Storage is not the problem—retrieving it is.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but in the afternoon.

Q: If an older person loses his glasses, where should he look?

A: On his face is where he should start.

Q: What is the most common remark heard from 70-year-olds in antique stores?

A: "Hey, we had those at home!"

Q: Why are babies born only to young couples?

A: Because older parents would forget where they put them.

A LETTER TO FAMILY

In 1888, Jesse Fast, whose connection to District 44 was noted on page 2, wrote a letter to his sister and brother. The letter is copied here, complete with the original spelling, grammar, punctuation and paragraphing.

March the 1, 1888

My Dear sister & Brother

I seat me self to drop a fiew lines to let you now that we are all well at the present time and I hope these fiew lines will find you the same the cold weather pretty near wart me Out this winter it has Ben the Coldest winter we have had since I Come west we had one of them North western Blizzards and it caught lots of people away from home in Neb and froze them to death one hundred froze to death in this state and two hundred in Dakota in one day the storm was on the 13 of January [referring to the famous "School Children Blizzard" in 1888] it Bloed the ruff of one school house and froze all the schol-

ars 11 in number that was in Dakota and another school mom had three qarters of a mile to go and she tied their hands to hers with a hankerchief she tore up and landed them in all safe she got a gold watch for this and another school mom had not such good luck as this she stayed by the last scholar til tha Died these started home from school in the Evning tha had only half a mile to go to get to some house to get somthing to Eat and she got lost and went to a hay stack she dug in part way and her legs stuck out and froze so tha had to amputate them I heard since she died

I could tell lots of such stories as these But there is no use as I have got kind er ust to them I will tell som of our nafurs that was in it the was after wood we haf to hall Our wood 20 miles tha cane 19 miles and no Budy can hardly Believe it Charley hamon got to with in one mile of home he past rite by houses in four of five rods of them and wuld not see them But he hapened to see a wagon track and took it and went t the house when he got in he was just gone he was Black in the face the Other Boys got in in time to save them selves the rods was as fars as cold be seen all day it was all I cold do to go to the stafle and Back and then I wold pretty near freez we had lots of snow this winter I heard you had a open winter there I hope we wont have any more witters like this was in Neb

I have got a fine Big Boy he waze 14 lbs he has got Blue Eyes he takes after his ant I am full of fun as Ever I Fell devlish

[ED. NOTE: Jesse Fast was the great-grandfather of Marilyn Smith Sieh. She provided this letter, that had been copied in the beautiful handwriting of her mother, Francis Fast Smith.]

Thanks!

Lots of people do lots of good things that don't get recognized. Once in a while we think to say thank you—so thanks to the one who brought a bucket load of good soil to be deposited in front of the jail so some other good folks could take up the boardwalk (which was crumbling and dangerous) and plant grass. Now we're waiting for spring sunshine to bring it all back to life!

SO HOW SMART ARE YOU??

Name the only sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.

What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?

Only two vegetables live to produce on their own for several seasons—what are they?

What fruit has its seeds on the outside?

Name the only three commonly used words in English that start with the letters "dw".

Can you name at least half of the 14 punctuation marks used in the English language?

What vegetable or fruit is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked or in any form other than fresh?

Can you name at least six things that begin with the letter "s" that you wear on your feet?



Teacher Lester Anderson; Grades 5-8, 1939 (?)

Back: Raymond Cunningham, Alfred Boucher, Raymond Bentzen, unidentified, Calvin Stahlecker, unidentified, Gilbert Stahlecker, unidentified, unidentified, unidentified, Walter Serr

Front row: unidentified, unidentified, unidentified, unidentified, Alberta Boucher, Vernelle Peppel, Leola Brown

Answers to So How Smart Are You??

Boxing
Niagara Falls
Asparagus and Rhubarb
Strawberry
Dwarf, dwell, dwindle
Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parenthesis, braces, ellipses
Lettuce
Shoes, socks, sandals, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, sneakers, stilts, slippers



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THE OL' HOMESTEADER SHARES SOME NEWS STUDENTS SHINE!

Austin Koenig was named to the President's Honor List and Jesse Cline, Blake Ahlers and Hannah Drueke made the Dean's Honor List at NECC in Norfolk! Nice going!

Hanna Drueke (daughter of Tony and Beth Goodman Drueke, granddaughter of Vern and Linda Goodman) made 13 points when Boyd County girls won the Creighton Holiday basketball tournament. Jory Zeisler (son of Mark and Tiffany Zeisler, grandson of Richard and Sheryl Zeisler) scored 10 points when they Spartan boys were runners-up at Creighton.

Kaci Mashino (daughter of Dustin and Tammy Mitchell Mashino) and Natasha Zeisler (daughter of Jesse and Kim Zeisler, granddaughter of Richard and Sheryl Zeisler) were successful in the FFA District Leadership Development Events in Atkinson. Kaci will go to state with her speech.

Axel Brestel (exchange student of Mike and Dustie Roth), Hannah Drueke and Kaci Mashino were named to the Niobrara Valley Conference Principal's All Academic Team.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Leonard and Thelma Schmitz celebrated their 65th anniversary and Leonard celebrated his 90th birthday with an open house at the Naper Lounge on February 22.

Nicklyn Rose joined the Haglund family February 5. Her sister is Elsie, her parents are Cory and Jessica Cline Haglund, grandparents are Keith and Lora Sieh Cline; great-grandparents are Marvin and

Judy Hoyt Cline and Duane and Marilyn Smith Sieh. Lots of folks to take care of baby cuddling!

SAYIN' GOODBYE

Wardell "Bud" Alexander, a member of the class of 1959, passed away at Douglas, Wyoming, November 13.

Rosemarie Zeitner Cerny, a 1950 graduate, died November 25. She and husband Jimmy Cerny (Class of 1943) raised their family of nine north of Naper. Some of the children attended school in Naper for several years.

Willard Dummer, a 1961 graduate of Naper, died December 4. Willard and his wife Janice (Honke) and their family lived west of Naper on a farm for several years before moving to Spencer in the mid 1980s.

Milo Stahlecker graduated from Naper High in 1959. He and his wife Lynelle operated the O'Neill Lockers for many years. He died in Omaha December 9.

Florence Wetzler Porter died December 22 in Norfolk. She graduated in 1941 and worked as a nurse for many years. She and husband Dick provided much enjoyment over the years with their musical talents.

FORMER WHITE HORSE RANCH RIDER DIES

Marie Ida-Ladean Volquardsen was born in 1930 at rural Lindy. She attended a country school and graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1948.

That same year, she was accepted by Cal and Ruth Thompson of the White Horse Ranch. She excelled in all aspects of horsemanship, but her true talent was Roman Riding. She was a featured rider for the Troupe as they toured throughout the Midwest.

She was the featured performer when Warner Brothers came to the ranch to film the movie short *To Ride a White Horse*.

Her expertise was noticed by others and she was recruited by the Valkyries and their Flying White Horses. Ida and the Valkyries performed around the United

States, including Cheyenne Frontier Days, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo at Colorado Springs, Chicago Stock Yards, Boston Gardens and Madison Square Garden.

At Madison Square Garden, Ida performed with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. She also worked with Sons of the Pioneers, Guy Mitchell, the Cisco Kid and Red Ryder. Ida would say the best part of her travels were the people she met and the friends she made.

da left the horse show business in 1960, married and had two children. She loved flowers and gardening and volunteered with several organizations.

Ida came to Naper several times in the 1980s to visit Ruth and her former fellow troupers. When the editor of the Naper Paper met Ida, the most impressive thing about her was her big smile that made you feel as if she had been waiting a long time to greet you.

Ida died November 29 in Stanton. "Happy Trails to You Until We Meet Again."

Have you looked at the Naper Historical Society website? (napernebraska.org)

You'll find every issue of the Naper Paper (photos in color on the website!), photos of all the classes from Naper High School, stories of Naper history, the White Horse Ranch, businesses, cemeteries, and historical photos.

If you need to contact the historical society, you may:
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Naper, NE 68755

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Sending Christmas wishes along with a check to help with Naper Paper expenses. Wishing all a happy, healthy new year.

Carol Ludemann

Thank you for all the work you do to make the Naper Paper possible. I appreciate getting it and read it cover to cover. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Lois Alford

I am sending you our new address, as we have moved in October, 2019. I enjoy reading the paper and some of the people I knew back in the 50s.

I met my wife in 1956 at the White Horse Ranch and we got married on the White Horse Ranch in 2007. I have a lot of good memories of Naper and the White Horse Ranch.

I still have a lot of cousins, nieces and nephews up in that area—we come back every year for a reunion in Burke, SD, for my mom's side of the family.

I'm enclosing a check to be used as needed.

Kenneth and Barbara Woehl

I am including this donation as a memorial to my grandma Gloria Vogt.

It is always good to come home, no matter what circumstances may bring you there. Whether you are celebrating, reuniting with family, or saying goodbye to a loved one, there are always the kind faces and loving words from those people who make "home" what it is. I want to say thank you to those who were there for me and my family as we said goodbye to Grandma. From the service to the wonderful meal that was put on, there are so many to thank and I don't want to leave anyone out, so you know who you are and THANK YOU!!!

April Vogt Dummer

Just a note to say I enjoy the paper. Keep up the good work.

I was superintendent of schools in Naper several years ago. I had a good faculty, good students and good school board.

Dan Duffy

Thanks so much for your help. I really appreciate it and enjoyed talking to you. Merry Christmas!

Neal Peterson

Thanks so much for your time and effort putting out the Naper Paper. Keep up the good work—interesting reading!

We've moved to Gregory—note the change of address. Way different but we are OK!

Jim and Darlene Doyle

Thank you for taking the time to send us the paper. I'm sorry I am late with the payment. We just love the paper and getting to Butte when we can see our favorite cousin—Duke Stahlecker. We all love the Naper Café.

Riney and Virginia Stahlecker

Decided to get our annual gift sent. I think the playground project would be great if that's where part of the \$\$\$ would go.

Mary Ludemann

The wife and I were in a Home Depot in Castle Rock, Colorado, to buy a new toilet. A very nice man working there helped us with our purchase. Brad had friendly mid-western manners. He mentioned he was from Nebraska. I told him my dad (Arthur) was from Naper. Brad Dye's jaw dropped as he knew of Naper and Boyd County. I think he said he was from Butte but we chatted about Naper and Spencer too, so I lost track.

As a former southern California Bentzen, running into someone who knew of Naper/Boyd County—well, it's just a small world.

I've enclosed a check to support the paper.

Gary Bentzen

It's been more than six months since Patty passed away; the time has gone so fast. Many people have asked me "How are you doing?" and my reply is always the same. "Thanks for asking, I am doing very well." So many people have stood by me, supported me, loved on me and were very empathetic and are still doing it. What I tell the donors is that I can never repay them for all they have done but I will pass it on. These individuals are the reason that I can say, "I am doing very well."

Have a Christmas full of joy and peace and a Happy New Year.

Duane Kibby

Please renew our Naper Paper. With all the ice and rain this past year and now the deep snow, we hope things will be looking up a little. Hopefully we will get to go more this summer with a few of the bridges fixed!

We do thank the people who work at doing the Naper Paper. Enclosed is a check for whatever you need it for.

Allen and Lavonne Boes

PARK IMPROVEMENT

GROUP REACHES GOAL

In 2017, Tara Ahlers, Stephanie Cadwallader and other community-minded folks thought it would be nice to improve the park which is north of the school (now the Hole-in-the-Wall Mart) and east of the ball field. After some research, it was determined a good-sized playground set would cost about \$12,000.

They received donations and held many fund raisers, including lunches served at various events, silent auctions and raffles. Most recently the Naper Historical Society donated to push the fund drive over the top.

Pictured below is the proposed equipment. After the kit arrives, a work day will be scheduled to assemble and construct the new fun stuff.

Of course future donations will be welcomed and used to pay for incidental construction costs. You can send them to Park Improvement Group, 47238 907 Road, Naper, NE 68755 or to Naper Historical Society, Box 72, Naper, NE 68755. Please indicate on your donation that it is for the park project.



ABOUT THE PICTURE ON PAGE 8

Our apologies to Nathalie Sattler, whose name is misspelled. The caption was attached to the photo and the editor had no one six years old or younger who could figure out how to fix it.

The superintendent named Dan Duffy is indeed the same Dan Duffy whose letter to the editor is found in column one on this page.

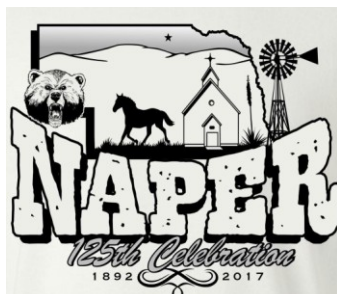
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