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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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THE HISTORY OF NAPER HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

By Stan McLaughlin

A gentleman by the name of Jerry Mathers authored a book titled **"NEBRASKA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS"** in 1973.

The book included the all-time best records for every Nebraska high school primarily focusing on boys' football and basketball. Mathers updated the book with a Second Edition in 1980. He was in the process of producing a Third Edition of the book in 2000 when he passed away. Mathers' family donated the manuscript for the Third Edition to the Nebraska Schools Activities Association (NSAA) in Lincoln. Recently a group of interested individuals decided to work with the NSAA to look into the possibility of completing the Third Edition. My son, Mark McLaughlin, is the head football coach at Springfield Platteview High School in the Omaha metro area. He is one of the individuals exploring the possibility of either completing the Third Edition of Mathers' book or creating a website covering Nebraska High School Sports that can be updated annually. Somewhat related to this effort, I volunteered to put together **"THE HISTORY OF NAPER HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS"** and I need the input of Naper High School alumni to complete the task. The Naper High School sports history that I am putting together will cover only boys' football, basketball, track and field and cross country through the closure of the high school in 1988.

The track and field and cross country histories will include information about NHS athletes and teams that placed in the Nebraska state track and field and cross country meets and a list of school record performanc-

es. This information has been easy to put together using the state meet records contained in the NSAA's website and the old NHS record boards. It includes some very impressive performances by the Naper boys (e.g. the numerous Vogt family accomplishments in the distance running events rank among the all-time best Naper sports performances).

I have used the Naper High School Bear Tracks yearbooks and the 1973 and 1980 editions of Mathers' book to attempt to put together the school's basketball history. According to the NSAA records, NHS never made it to the state basketball tournament. Some of the yearbooks contain the school's won-lost record for the season and some don't (usually when we didn't win many, if any, games). The only information the 1973 and 1980 Mathers' books contained about Naper is our best basketball record (16-4 in 1966), our highest basketball scoring game (105 points vs Fairfax in 1966), and our highest individual

scoring game (Steve Ahlers 37 points vs Haigler in 1973 according to Mathers but my research so far indicates this ranks second in school history). I would like to gather our won-lost record for every year that I possibly can but recognize this will be difficult if not impossible to do for the 1930s, 1940s and maybe even the early 1950s since most of our alumni from these decades are deceased and written records are hard to find. I am also looking for names of the starting five players of the very best teams, individual player achievements/recognition, and specific team accomplishments like tournament championships (e.g. the 1966 team won two tournaments and the 1967 team won a district championship).

I have also used the NHS Bear Tracks and the Mathers' books to document the school's football history (1957-1969). Again the NHS yearbooks contain won-lost records for all the good teams but not necessarily for all the less successful teams.



Above: The 1957-1958 football team, coached by Donald Trueblood. How many of the players can you name?

NAPER HIGH SPORTS

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Mathers' 1973 and 1980 books state NHS's best football record was 5-3 in 1961, but I know this to be incorrect as the 1963 team won the Rosebud Conference (South Dakota) eight man title with a 6-1 record. Mathers' book indicates the 1961 team set a school record with 67 points vs Wood Lake. In addition to won-lost records, I am looking for the names of players receiving special recognition (e.g. Dwaine Hoffman was named to the All-Rosebud Conference team two years in a row in 1965 and 1966).

Mathers' 1980 Second Edition concludes with a section titled "Wanna Start a Fight or Who's the Best?" which has his picks for the best all-time athlete from every Nebraska High School. He picked Steve Ahlers as Naper's all-time best, based solely on his 37 point basketball game in 1973. I'm not sure I want to touch this topic with a ten-foot pole as it can be highly subjective and there will be lots of opinions on who is the best athlete to come out of NHS. When I think about this, I'm inclined to lean toward individuals who excelled in multiple sports at NHS and maybe even went on to letter in college sports. I would be interested in rec-

ommendations in this regard including as much factual information as possible such as serving as team captains (in any NHS sport), all-conference selections and/or yardage records in football, individual basketball scoring and/or rebounding records, school records and/or medals in cross country and track and field, and, if applicable, high school or Junior Legion baseball accomplishments and/or college athletic letters earned. I'm going to take the easy way out and compose a short list of the best all-around athletes for each decade rather than arbitrarily picking one individual (e.g. my research thus far indicates Steve Ahlers also excelled in cross country and track and field at NHS and clearly deserves to be on the list of Naper's best all-around athletes for the 1970s.). I have already started drafting a list of candidates for the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s based on available records. What will be difficult and probably very subjective will be developing a list of candidates from the 1930s, 1940s, and maybe even the 1950s. Help please?

Please feel free to email me at simclaug@aol.com or write me at 4011 South 173rd Circle, Omaha, NE 68130-2116 providing any information or comments you would like to share regarding

Naper High School Sports History. I will be happy to email you a copy of the **working draft** of my work for your review and comments. My plan is to complete this project before the end of the year with the idea that it will primarily serve as a historical record for the benefit of us Naper alumni as only a tiny portion will qualify for entry in the Third Edition of the Nebraska High School Sports book (assuming it gets published) or in a related website. I thank you in advance for your assistance in this regard.

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CELEBRATION BECAME NIGHTMARE AFTER DISAPPEARANCE OF CHILD

by Nellie B. Hulshizer

(The following article, originally published in the Springview Herald, was submitted by Betsy Becker Raymer. Her cousin found it in memorabilia of his mother, Opal Becker McFayden. Please note the older brother and sister who were to care for the toddler were six and four years old. The four-year-old was Betsy's grandmother, Zelma Painter Becker.)

In reminiscing on the subject of Fourth of July celebrations, the one most outstanding in my memory and in the memory of other pioneers of this area is the one held at Springview in 1902.

Although I was only five years old, I have vivid memories of it which were always kept alive through hearing it discussed by my family and friends and reading the account in my mother's diary.

It was a combined Fourth of July celebration and Old Soldiers reunion which was to last through July 3, 4 and 5.

My mother, baby brother and I accompanied my grandparents to Springview the morning of the third where we intended to camp for three days. My father was to join us on the Fourth.

Tents were set up all over the grounds and Civil War veterans present soon gathered in groups, reliving their war experiences.

Toward evening, storm clouds began to gather on the horizon. All tents were made as weather tight as possible.

Then, just as it was growing dark, word was brought to town that the 27-month-old daughter of the Painter family, living just south of Springview, was lost. The father was in a hospital and the mother was at work. The child had been left in the care of an older brother and sister but had eluded them and wandered away. When the mother returned from work, she found them frantically searching for the child. When the mother was unable to find any trace of her little girl, she sent her son into town for help. In minutes after the word was received, there was not an able-bodied man left on the grounds or in the village.

Soon after nightfall, the storm came on in full fury. The lightning and thunder were terrific and the rain fell in torrents, but through it all, the search went on. Men, without a dry thread of clothing

on their bodies, walked over the prairie land around the home and combed the canyons which began a short distance to the south.

When friends and neighbors restrained the mother from going out into the storm herself, she paced the floor, listening to the fury of the storm.

About midnight the storm ceased but the sky remained overcast. With the help of every available lantern, the search went on, but the dawn found them still without a clue to the child's whereabouts.

The morning of the Fourth, many more people came into town for the celebration. Because there were only a few telephones in the area and no other means of communication, most of the newcomers knew nothing about the missing child until they reached town. A new group of men set out immediately and those who had been out all night came in for food and rest. All day long the weary search went on. Each new man who came to town and many women joined the search.

Some of the older entertainers who were unable to join in the search tried to keep something going for the benefit of those who could only watch and wait and pray. But it was a difficult task, for everyone's thoughts were with the searchers and the family.

The terrible suspense was almost more than the mother could bear, not having the companionship of her husband to help her.

At almost every tent on the camp ground, you could find mothers holding their own little ones, looking at them with tear-filled eyes as they tried to envision what Mrs. Painter was enduring.

Another night closed in with still no trace of the child. Many feared she had been devoured by some wild beast, but no one even suggested giving up the search. When one group came in too weary to continue, another took their place.

About noon the day of the fifth, they found her little sunbonnet near the banks of the Niobrara River which led them to fear she might have drowned and her body been swept down the river.

On the morning of the sixth, a

fisherman who knew nothing of the child's disappearance, noticed something on a sandbar almost covered with sand. He was just starting to investigate when a group of searchers, of which my father was one, came by. They were able to identify the body as that of the little girl. It was presumed that she had wandered to the cliff overlooking the river during the storm that first night and that the ground had caved in, throwing her into the river where she had drowned and the body and washed onto the sandbar.

There were over one hundred horse-drawn vehicles which followed the little one to her resting place in the Springview Cemetery.

FORMER NAPERITE PUBLISHES A NEW BOOK

Marjorie Kortmeyer Saiser, a 1960 graduate of Naper High School and a former teacher here, has recently published [The Track the Whales Make: New and Selected Poems](#). She explores themes of love and letting go, of what holds the center and what falls away, using familiar Nebraska landscapes for illustration.

Marjorie also has poems featured in [How to Love the World](#), an anthology described by bookstore owner Carla Ketner as "an island of beauty and peaceful reflection amidst the tension of daily life."

Below—Solving the world's problems, March, 2014. Clockwise from left: Jim Sattler, Herman Bendig, Loren Sieh, Barb Wentz, Grace Bendig, Mabel Sattler, Duane Sieh



EVELYN TANNER SHARES MORE MEMORIES

I remember a few things from the farm in Naper: going to town with horse and buggy; moving chicken coops on long poles; Mama raising baby chickens behind and around kitchen stove; being chased by an ornery rooster spurring my heels. I also remember going to barn dances as a very young girl and sitting on bales of hay and listening to the music.

It was at this time that my father and his brother John had to move off the farm, leaving the eldest son, Uncle Ben, with Grandpa to run the farm. They had to find other jobs to be able to feed their families. This is why we moved to Anoka in the early thirties.

I started school in the little white school house trimmed in red when I was five and in first grade. I did not realize we were in a “Depression” at this time. Almost everyone was “poor.” My daddy received \$40 a month working on the WPA, a project started by F. D. Roosevelt, President of the United States. I will always remember him as the best president we ever had!

At this time, my pre-teen years, I was struggling with the problem of having my nose start bleeding at any time. My dear mama tried everything from folding a piece of brown paper and putting it under my top lip to putting a dime there. I couldn’t run and play as I would have liked to. As children, we walked the railroad tracks and picked sweet peas for our mother. Later in the day, my nose would start bleeding again and my mom would be up all night with me.

While we were still living on Ponca Creek, my dad broke his arm cranking the old Model T Ford and my mother went to work at a sewing project, also started about that time for single women and widows in order to make a living.

We walked to school and Mama walked to work in Butte. It was a few more miles down the road. Daddy cared for children still at home at this time until his arm healed and then Mama was back keeping house again.

When we moved into town, we improved our lives. We had electric lights! No more doing homework by lamplight but still no plumbing. We did have a new outhouse. At Halloween, bigger boys (up to no good) manage to turn it over and my father was pretty upset about that.

The house in Anoka had two stories and a basement. The stairs went three different directions to get to the top. We had a wrap-around porch in front of the house, a back porch at the kitchen door, another back porch at the side of the house, and a barn! What more could we have wanted? Also, the schoolhouse was only a short walk away!

When I first attended school in 1933, the “little” room (grades 1-4) was not over the basement, so there was an oil heater in that room. The “middle” and “big” rooms were over the basement and furnace. They had a partition that could be opened for larger audiences or programs. This area had a higher level for a stage. One evening a magician visited and I was called to the stage to partake in one of his magic tricks. I remember it to this day! I won a game of jacks for helping him. I also remember the “Box Socials” that were held on this stage. But alas, I was far too young to partake in this game of chance.

Nebraska is known as the state where Arbor Day began. Every year we planted a tree behind the schoolhouse on Arbor Day. (There should be a forest there by now! But there isn’t—I visited Anoka not too many years ago and I did not see one.)

Had you ever heard of an earthquake in Anoka? It happened in the late 30s. I had stayed after school to help the teacher with something (honest!) when all of a sudden books were falling out of the bookcases, items fell off desks and the whole building shook! When I arrived home, Mom was pretty scared. Some glasses had fallen out of the cupboards onto the floor. Later we saw crevices up to six or more inches wide on our property and other property nearby. I don’t know if Anoka had more tremors after that.

Some very precious memories were made at this time. My mother lost a child, Shirley Mae, age three days, while we were still living on Ponca Creek. There would be two more brothers. They seemed to give more meaning to our lives—even changing diapers (and washing them) but especially rocking them and singing lullabies.

The children in my family are Willard Eugene, Donna Lou, me, Anna Marie, Alvin Leroy, Earl Wayne, baby Shirley, then Paul James and Donald Dean. As far as I know, Mama gave birth to all of us at home, attended by Dr. Hawkins from Butte.

He also treated me for my nose-bleeds, stuffing gauze in both nostrils. I even spent time in the hospital in Lynch trying to get this situation under control. Everyone was very kind and sympathetic to my condition.

Most families were like mine and if they had no business of their own, relied on jobs from the state or federal government. My dad was still working for WPA, I am sure. Because I was in need of plenty of nourishing food to be healthy, I was invited to go to the farm of John and Bess Radford at Naper. I don’t remember how long I stayed, but I was fed homemade sausage, plenty of milk, butter, eggs and much more! To my surprise I found they had Aunt Mollie Zimmerman’s parrot Polly and maybe the other parrot too. John and Bess had a son Gordon, who with his wife Emmaline, ran a grocery store in Naper. When it was time for me to return to Anoka, I stayed all night with them to be able to catch the mail truck the next day. While I was staying overnight there, someone came in the store and bought a loaf of bread. I was alone—I hope I charged the right amount!

During my eighth grade in school, I lived with my grandparents, my dad’s folks, but I attended school with my siblings. I helped my grandparents by chopping wood for the cookstove and heater, gathering eggs, sweeping, mopping, washing dishes and helping take care of Grandpa who was bedridden. He was the best story teller—especially ghost stories! All of us grandchildren would sit on his bed dangling our legs until he got to the part, “I am on the first step. I am on the second step. I am on the third step. I gotcha!” Then we are all ended up on the bed with him.

When it was time to go home, we ran all the way! Sometimes our brothers and cousins would hide in the bushes to scare us some more.

One night we were all playing hide and seek out in the cornfield. That was a mistake, for the boys anyway. They disturbed some skunks trying to go to bed. I don’t remember if my brothers were allowed in the house that night. I believe my mom tried all the remedies she had heard of to get rid of the smell.

Part of Zimmerman Collection Leaves Nebraska

Dr. Charles Zimmerman's story is also a story of Naper's history. He was born in Indiana and came to Naper in 1898 where he and his wife Mollie (Mary Sprenkle) operated the drug store and he was the "white medicine man" for 30 years. He was also in the Indian Medical Service, treating the native Americans who lived near Naper.

His collection of Indian artifacts grew to over 300 pieces, filling every room in the drugstore and his office. After his death in 1931, his wife kept the drugstore open and loaned the collection of artifacts, valued at more than \$10,000 at that time, to the state Historical Society in 1934. The Historical Society took permanent possession after her death in 1939.

One of the rarest items was a medicine man's regalia which, according to local lore, was smuggled away from the tribe by the wife of the medicine man and then hidden in the weeds where Zimmerman had arranged to pick it up after night-fall. Among other items in the collection were war bonnets, beaded bags, bows and arrows, hide scrapers, saddles and even a skull.

In 1990, Congress passed the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act which established a process for the return of human remains, burial objects and cultural items from museums and federal agencies to the tribes. As a result, more than 600 sets of remains have been reburied, including the skull from the Zimmerman collection.

The agency sent summaries of the Native cultural objects to federally recognized tribes and as a result, a medicine bundle was recently returned to the Winnebago Tribe and a trunk with medicine bundles was returned to a descendant of a former owner.

Joseph High Eagle was a warrior in his youth and a cousin to Crazy Horse. He fought in the Battle of the Little Bighorn as a teenager. Later he was considered a holy man on the Pine Ridge Reservation. He had met famous movie stars and

had roles in several Western movies. He served as an interpreter. Newspapers reported he was 94 when he died as the result of a car accident in 1952.

Somehow, Dr. Charles Zimmerman acquired High Eagle's eagle feather hand fan, his two-piece clay pipe and his beaded leggings.

When the State Historical Society started its effort to return cultural items, they were listed online. High Eagle's great-granddaughter, Lilla Pearl Asmund, living in Naples, Florida, typed his name into a search engine, hoping to find a census record. She also saw photos of heirlooms that had been separated from her family for more than a century.

She sent an e-mail to History Nebraska in October and the process was set in motion. She will soon have her great-grandfather's belongings in her hands.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

By Lois Nicolaus Vogt

A few months ago, several Naperites met to plan the 2022 Alumni Banquet. While the meeting was winding down, the subject of the school lunch program at the Naper Public Schools came up.

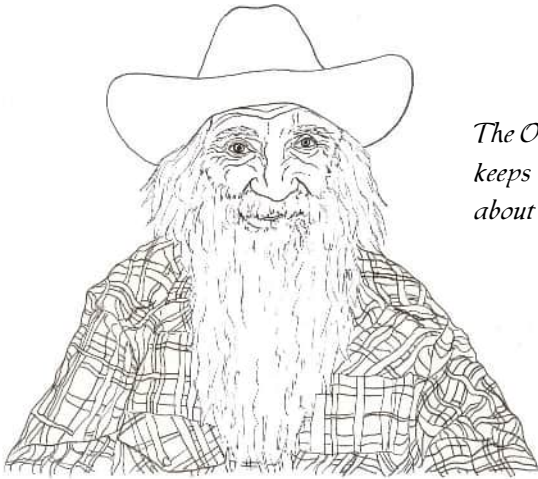
The hot lunch program began in January, 1957, when the new school building opened for classes. Over the years, several women shared their cooking talents and served many great meals. Marie Stanek, Vivian Alexander, Bertha Fuhrer, Annie Ulrich, Sylvia Gentele, Velva June Blum and Grace Bendig (and others) spent their weekdays planning and making so many different and delicious meals.

Some former students were asked to name something they loved that was served. The answers may make your mouth water from just the memories! The macaroni and cheese (emphasis on the cheese), baked grilled cheese sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, chili (served with the traditional cinnamon rolls, of course), scalloped potatoes, beef and noodles, chocolate chip cookies, chocolate cake with chocolate frosting, the thick, rich chocolate milk, and the most memorable item mentioned over and over.....the homemade BUNS with a choice of butter, grape jelly and/or thick peanut butter. Grace's lasagna and Velva June's pizza (plus knowing you could always go back for seconds) were mentioned too. So, did you have a favorite from the Naper lunchroom?? Just send your answer to the Naper Paper!

The 1944 Naper High School Basketball Team

Back: Mr. Fedderson, Alfred "Butch" Boucher, Jiggs Reimers, Orion Fischer, Gilbert Stahlecker, Dick Stahlecker Front: Don Schock, LaDale Herrman, Ray Stoltenberg, Dean Broekemeier, Paul Cunningham (See story pages 1 and 2)





*The Ol' Homesteader
keeps lookin' for news
about Naper!*

SCHOOL NEWS

Natasha Zeisler (daughter of Jesse and Kim Zeisler, granddaughter of Sheryl Zeisler) and Liz Arellano (daughter of Jessica Vogt, granddaughter of Vern and Deb Vogt) both placed at the state STAR convention of FCCLA. Natasha is the vice president of Boyd County FCCLA.

Paige Drueke (daughter of Tony and Beth Goodman Drueke, granddaughter of Vern and Linda Goodman) placed at the state FBLA Leadership convention.

Zander Kluckman (son of Jim and Blair Vogt Kluckman, grandson of Kelly and Lois Nicolaus Vogt, great-grandson of Don Vogt), Paige Drueke, Natasha Zeisler, Brett Koenig (son of Kevin and Staci Zink Koenig, grandson of Jeff and Rindy Zink, great-grandson of Louise Neumiller Zink), Lanie Lechtenberg (daughter of Shane and Beth Nelson Lechtenberg, granddaughter of Ivan and Nancy Wentz Nelson, great-granddaughter of Bob and Barb Stoltenberg Wentz) and Michaela Roth (daughter of Mike and Dustie Roth) received the Multi-Activity Student Award from the Nebraska State College System.

Jeff and Rindy Zink have three grandsons who received the Multi-Activity Award! Brett Koenig, Hayden Muirhead of Overton (son of Dan and Traci Zink Muirhead) and Cameron Zink of Ogallala (son of Gregory and Renee Zink) of Ogallala.

Camden Brewer (son of Kip and Rachel Heerman Brewer, grandson of Jerry and Dorothy Dummer Heerman) finished first in his weight class and broke a school record at the D1 State Powerlifting meet March 26.

Boyd County track teams included Camden Brewer, Natasha Zeisler and Paige Drueke. Natasha and Paige earned a trip to state track where Natasha was 17th in the 3200 meter run and Paige was

16th in the 1600 meter run. Wow!

Boyd County Junior High track teams included Kyla McCarthy (daughter of Darrin and Connie McCarthy, granddaughter of LeRoy and Maxine Windmeyer McCarthy), Kaci Koenig (daughter of Kevin and Staci Zink Koenig, granddaughter of Jeff and Rindy Zink, great-granddaughter of Louise Neumiller Zink), Jaylee Lechtenberg (daughter of Shane and Beth Nelson Lechtenberg, granddaughter of Ivan and Nancy Wentz Nelson, great-granddaughter of Bob and Barb Stoltenberg Wentz), Ethan Zeisler (son of Jesse and Kim Zeisler, grandson of Sheryl Zeisler) and Preston Brewer (son of Kip and Rachel Heermann Brewer, grandson of Jerry and Dorothy Dummer Heermann).

Zander Kluckman and Ethan Zeisler were on the Boyd County Golf team and played very well.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Camden Brewer graduated from Boyd County Schools May 7. He received the Naper Alumni Association scholarship and will attend Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis.

Taya Schmaderer (daughter of Jon and Jennifer Riesselman Schmaderer and granddaughter of Merle and Leola Riesselman) earned state championship honors with her speech about gathering with purpose. With this placing, she defended her state championship from last year! The Stuart Speech Team repeated as D2 state champions.

Paige Drueke was inducted into the Boyd County chapter of the National Honor Society. Natasha Zeisler is also a member.

SAYIN' GOODBYE

Nellie Siewert Parker, a 1946 graduate of Naper High, died October 24,

The Naper Paper is your paper. We rely on you, our readers, for support, both financial and "a 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!"

2021, in Fremont. She attended her 70th class reunion, along with her classmate Alberta Boucher Breyer, in 2016.

Harry Swallow, a 1960 graduate of Naper High School, died March 27. He had lived in the Norfolk area for many years.

Claus Junior Sieh died March 29 in Minnesota where he and his family had lived since 1957.

Art Martins, who grew up in Naper and retired here a few years ago, died April 1. He was a regular at the card games on Wednesday afternoon.

Jon Dyer died April 7. He and his wife Donna Weickum Dyer (a 1950 Naper High graduate) retired in Naper after living in Colorado for many years.

Iona Mayer Boucher Carstens died May 29. She graduated from Naper in 1947 and was one of the founders of the Naper Alumni Association. She had lived in Norfolk for several years.

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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LETTERS, LETTERS, LETTERS

Thank you to everyone who works on the Naper Paper. You do a great job. I enjoy receiving the paper so much.

I'm sending along a check to help with expenses.

Mary Schumann

Hi, Naper!

Thank you for all you do for "our" Naper Paper. I so enjoy every article and every paper.

My donation is to help defray costs and is in memory of my dad, Frederick Rockholm.

Cathy Rockholm Crawforth

We enjoy the Naper Paper.

Thank you.

Jeanette Jardee Wewel

You do such a beautiful job with all items pertaining to our town, Naper. I enjoy every part of the paper. Needless to say, I have missed every part of any news—good or bad.

Don't know when my next trip to Naper will be. Think of me!

Delma Dalldorf Turgeon

Harry (Butch) Swallow passed away in Omaha on March 27. He was a 1960 graduate of NHS and lived most of his adult life in and around Norfolk. He is survived by two daughters, Michelle Schultz and Lisa Swallow and two grandsons.

I am enclosing a donation for the paper in his memory. Thank you for your good work with the paper.

Diane Hoyt

Just a note to thank you all for a great paper. Carolyn and I enjoy it so much.

The paper brings us up to date on all the local news and happenings in the Naper area.

Orland and Carolyn Cline

I haven't sent any money for a while. I do always enjoy the Naper Paper. Looking forward to seeing you at the alumni banquet.

Winston Stahlecker

As an offspring of a Norwegian from Minnesota, Richard Danielson, we enjoyed the article about St. Patrick and the Norwegians. My mother, Marcelle Herrman-Danielson, enjoyed the paper particularly, until her passing in 2020.

A check is enclosed to help in the publishing and mailing of the paper.

Warm regards,

Dexter Danielson

Thank you! I enjoy the paper. My relatives are Peppels, Fischers, and Andersons.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Arends Crandell

Please remove my father from your mailing list as he recently passed away, March 29, 2022. Claus Sieh grew up in the Naper area before moving with his family to Minnesota in 1957. He was 91 years old and enjoyed reading your quarterly issue.

Sue Vogel

Thank you for all the great Naper Papers. I have helped with the Mitchell Historical paper and know how hard it can be to get articles that are of interest to all. You have always done that.

Great paper and a little donation to keep it coming. Thank you.

Ed Higgins

WELCOME!!

Tedd and McKenzie Riesselman of Omaha welcomed Edith Jo on June 17, 2021. Grandparents are Merle and Leola Riesselman and Randy and Barb Mitchell Leu of Atkinson. Great-grandma is JoAnn Putnam Mitchell of Atkinson.

Levi and Annalise Horton of Bellevue, Nebraska, welcomed a son, Damian Gray, April 26, 2022. Grandparents are Jeremy and Shannon Riesselman of Gretna and great-grandparents are Merle and Leola Riesselman of Naper.

CONGRATULATIONS

Paul Neumiller celebrated his 90th birthday May 21. Happy birthday!

Paul and Shirley Vogt Neumiller celebrated their 65th anniversary on May 24. Happy Anniversary!

Both Paul and Shirley graduated from Naper, Paul in 1950 and Shirley in 1955. Their children also are all graduates of Naper, Kevin in 1976, Rodney and Melanie in 1979, and Scott in 1981.

Paul's story of the Hainosaurus Neumilleri, which he found while pursuing two of his favorite activities (fishing and fossil hunting), was in the Naper Paper, Summer 2015, Volume 13, Issue 2.

On April 25, the Naper Historical Society organized a trash pickup. Willing workers picked up trash around town, on both sides of Highway 12 from two miles east to two miles west of Naper and along the county road on both sides, one mile north. It had been several years (thanks to Covid) and the amount of trash was considerable! So a very big thank you to Phyllis Camin, Bob Allpress, Bob Nordstrom, Jamie Nordstrom, Cash Nordstrom, Lane Nordstrom, Stacy Zeisler, Bev Zink, Kaci Koenig, Baleigh Koenig, Dave Schmitz, Kelly Vogt, Lois Vogt and Ann Anderson. Thanks also to the folks who furnished the pickups to haul all the bags.

After the trash pickup, several of the group watched the Nebraska Public Media presentation Saddle Up, a production about working horses in Nebraska. The first segment was about the White Horse Ranch and was filmed at the White Horse Ranch Museum in Naper.

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NAPER SCHOOL-----1910 FOOTBALL TEAM

LEFT TO RIGHT----- _____Kenny, August Andersen, Rueben Logerwell, Ed Briggs, Herman Anderson, _____Larsen, Charles Tienken, Gerald Johnson, Dick Larsen, Fred Larsen, Leonard Logerwell

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Photo taken in front of First National Bank, later the Naper Post Office. Scores for the 1910 Naper High School football team were Naper 32, Gregory 0; Naper 21, Bonesteel 0; Naper 13, Spencer 9. There are twelve players lined up for the photo but it appears only eleven names were listed.