

# Congratulations Class of 2015



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Mrs. Azevedo having a little fun with Layton and Josh before commencement ceremonies



Maggie Archibald sings "Never Alone"

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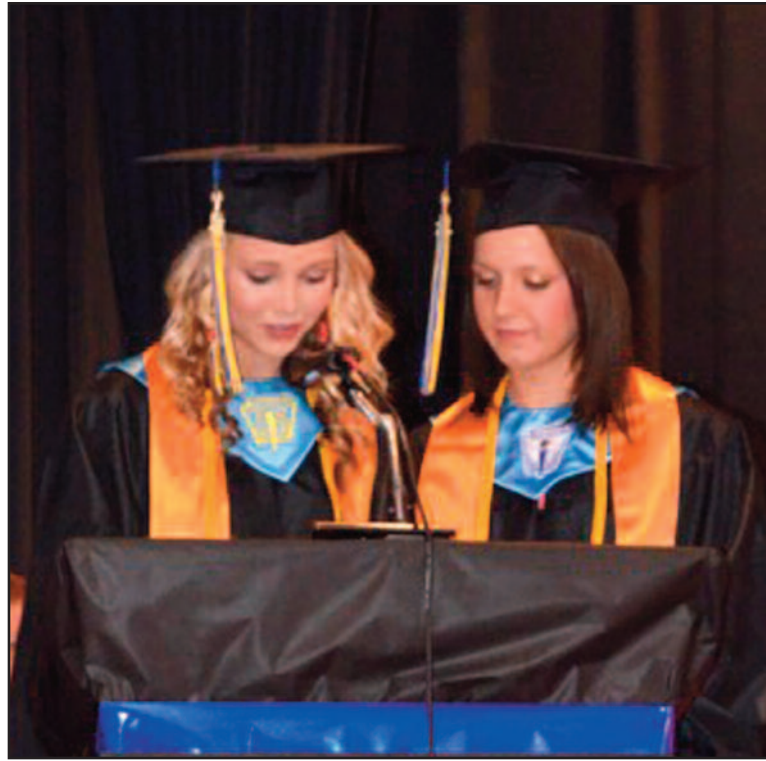


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Valedictorian address by Tyler Kari



Welcome by Tessa and Kimberly



Farewell by Tucker Veal

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## Meadow News ... by Tiss Johnson

Carolyn Petik visited with Ernestine Miller on Tuesday afternoon.

On Thursday, Jerry and Carolyn Petik attended the funeral service for Arnold Zielke in Lemmon. Afterward they visited with Irene Young and then attended the Adams County 4-H Communication Arts event that Mirandi Bakken participated in.

Saturday, Carolyn Petik and Irene Young attended a baby shower for Lisa Donohue in Lemmon. Carolyn was also a brief caller at Thelma Lemke's in the evening.



# Bison High School Academic Awards

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**American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship** - Kimberly Peck  
**C. Oscar Smith Memorial Scholarship** - Kiana Brockel, Tessa Kopren, Layton Hendrickson, Kim Peck  
**Dakota Bank-Bison Scholarship** - Tessa Kopren  
**Perkins County Community & Extension Leaders Scholarship** - Layton Hendrickson  
**Grand Electric/West River Telephone Scholarship** - Kiana Brockel  
**Eastern Star/Pasque Lodge Scholarship** - John Hatle  
**Southwest Grain Scholarship** - Layton Hendrickson  
**Freshman Impact Scholarship** - Tessa Kopren  
**Awards and Scholarships** - BHSU-Tyler Kari, University of Sioux Falls-Kim Peck, Mitchell Tech-Dillon Collins, University of Jamestown-Tyler Kari, BH Stock Show Foundation-Tessa Kopren, Dacotah Western Bank-Madison Hulm, Sheridan College-Layton Hendrickson, Colorado State University-Kiana Brockel, Faucett Family-Layton Hendrickson, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution-Kim Peck,

**Outstanding English Student**-Reed Arneson  
**Outstanding Math Student**-Collin Palmer  
**Outstanding Science Student**-Madison Hulm  
**National Honor Society-40 Hour Service Award**-Reed Arneson, Tori Voller, Tessa Kopren, Marranda Hulm, Kiana Brockel.  
**Senior Award**-Layton Hendrickson  
**Academic Olympics**-Tyler Kari, Layton Hendrickson, Kiana Brockel, Tessa Kopren, Collin Palmer, Reed Arneson, Paden Sexton, Sara Hatle, Julianna Kari, Jenna Kari, Ross Collins, Jim Brockel, Matthew Johnson, Tuff Seim, Gracee Veal, Hope Crabtree  
**Quiz Bowl**-Tyler Kari, Wrangler Weishaar, Reed Arneson, Julianna Kari, Sara Hatle  
**Music Awards** - MVP-Jessica Stockert, **John Philip Sousa**-Ross Collins  
**FCCLA**-Kiana Brockel  
**FFA**-Layton Hendrickson  
**Student Council**-Pres. Tessa Kopren, Maggie Archibald, John Hatle, Treas. Reed Arneson, Marranda Hulm, Sec. Julianna Kari, Jenna Kari, Matthew Johnson,


Jim Brockel, Jaren Beckman, Jace Prella, Kiley Schuchard, VP Carter Johnson  
**Yearbook**-Madison Hulm, Maggie Archibald, Kimberly Peck, Tori Voller, Maudie Lee, Madelyn Seidel, Sara Hatle, Nicole Hafner  
**Oral Interp-Reader's Theater Superior**-Kiana Brockel, Tessa Kopren, Victoria Voller, Sara Hatle, Kim Kvale, Gracee Veal.  
**Duet Superior**-Tessa Kopren, Jim Brockel. **Poetry** - Kiana Brockel  
**School Play**-John Hatle, Kiana Brockel, Maggie Archibald, Madison Hulm, Layton Hendrickson, Tessa Kopren, Victoria Voller, Sara Hatle, Kimberly Kvale, Nicole Hafner, Gracee Veal, Matthew Johnson, Joey Auckland, Taylor Fisher, Marleigh Hulm, Hannah McKinstry, Jim Brockel, Ross Collins  
**Student Librarians**-Layton Hendrickson, Tyler Kari, Drew Reder, Wrangler Weishaar, Tucker veal  
**Cross Age**-Maggie Archibald, John Hatle, Kimberly Peck, Kiana Brockel, Tessa Kopren, Madison Hulm, Dillon Collins

## Preliminary hearing held in Deadwood for Lemmon man

Brady James Hooker, 22, Lemmon was bound over on one count at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing, which was held today in Perkins County before Circuit Court Judge Randall Macy. The complaint contained one count for an incident in the

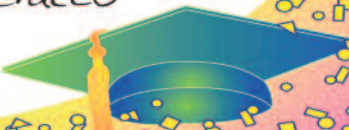
Hooker residence, which resulted in Hooker shooting and killing Leon Paulson, 32, Lemmon on April 18, 2015. The count of 1st degree manslaughter is a class C felony and punishable by up to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary and/or \$50,000 fine.

Hooker is presumed innocent until such time as proven guilty. This case is being investigated by the Perkins County Sheriff's Office and the Division of Criminal Investigation.




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# Marjean Huber Invitational



BHS Golfers that attended the Marjean Huber Invitational; Ethan Anderson, Chris Fisher, Jaren Beckman, Wrangler Weishaar, Collin Palmer, Dylan Beckman, Julianna Kari.



Julianna Kari placed third in the girls varsity division with an 103.



Bison boys team brought home first place winning thier tournament with a team score of 279. Collin Palmer lead the way with an 84 placing first. Collin wins his first tournament! Way to go Collin! Dylan Beckman placed third with an 89. Wrangler shot 106. Isaac Anderson 112, Jaren Beckman 114, and Chris Fisher 123.

## Golfers place at Regionals

Julianna Kari shot 106 placing 5th in the region and 3rd in the conference. Ethan Anderson qualified for state with an 105 and placed 3rd in the conference. Collin Palmer shot 110 making it to state and placed 5th in conference. Wrangler Weishaar shot 113 and Dylan Beckman 114.

State Golf is May 18 & 19 at Yankton.

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# Bison High School Athletic Awards



**Basketball awards: Josh McKinstry, Layton Hendrickson, Tyler Kari, Ross Collins**



**Football awards back row: Greg Voller, Ross Collins. Front row: Tucker Watson-Veal, Joshua Beckman, Layton Hendrickson, Reed Arneson, Jacob Schalesky.**

**FOOTBALL:** Layton Hendrickson-Bar, MVP Offense medal, LMC All-Conference trophy, Sr. 4 year plaque; Tucker Veal-Bar, MVP Offense Line Medal, LMC All-conference trophy, Sr. 6 year plaque; Joshua Beckman-Bar, MVP Offense Line medal, Sr. 5 year plaque; Dillon Collins-SR 2 year plaque, Pin, Bar; Reed Arneson-LMC All-Conference trophy, Bar; Jacob Schalesky-Most Improved player medal, Bar; Dylan Beckman-MVP Defense medal, LMC All-Conference trophy, Bar; Ethan Anderson-MVP Offensive Back medal, Bar; Greg Voller-Most Improved medal, Bar; Ross Collins-MVP Defensive Back medal, Bar; Jim Brockel-Rookie of the Year medal, Pin, Bar; Chris

Fisher-Letter, Pin, Bar; Isaac Anderson-Pin, Bar; Tuff Seim-Pin, Bar; Shane Collins-Pin, Bar; Jace Prella-Pin, Bar; Jaren Beckman-Pin, Bar; Manager-Matthew Johnson-Pin; Stats-Marranda Hulm-Pin; Stats-Sydney Senn-Pin; Stats-Maudie Lee-Pin; Stats-Tessa Kopren-Pin


**VOLLEYBALL:** Julianna Kari-Bar; Marranda Hulm-Bar; Gracee Veal-Pin, Bar; Sydney Senn-Bar, Pin; Kimberly Peck-Bar; Madison Hulm-Bar; Jeanna Kari-Bar; Maudie Lee-Bar; Kiana Brockel-Bar; Nicole Hafner-Pin, Bar; Kimberly Kvale-Pin, Bar; Sara Hatle-Bar; Tylee Lundberg-certificate; Hope Crabtree-certificate; Tallie Lundberg-certificate; Hanna McKinstry -certificate; Taylor Fisher-certificate; Kiley Schuchard-certificate; Bailee Storm-certificate; Managers: Josh McKinstry-Pin; Maggie Archibald-Pin; Tori Voller-Pin; Madelyn Seidel-Pin

**BOYS BASKETBALL:** Tyler Kari-Bar, Offensive Player of the Year Medal, 5 year Sr. plaque; Layton Hendrickson-Bar, Defensive Player of the Year Medal, 5 year Sr. plaque; Collins Palmer-Bar, Most Valuable Medal; Reed Arneson-Bar; Paden Sexton-Certificate; Josh McKinstry-Bar, Most Improved Medal; Ross Collins, Bar, Mr. Hustle Award; Dylan Beckman-Bar; Jim Brockel-Pin, Bar; Matthew Johnson-Pin, Bar; Jake Kahler-Certificate; Daniel Burkhalter-Pin, Bar; Jace Prella-Certificate; Jaren Beckman-Certificate

Stats: Maggie Archibald-Pin; Tori Voller-Pin; Kiana Brockel-Pin  
**CROSS COUNTRY:** Ruth Burkhalter-Bar; Josh McKinstry-Bar; Sydney Senn-Bar; Daniel Burkhalter-Bar; Jake Kahler-Certificate; Joey Aukland-Bar; Rebekah Burkhalter-Bar; Kiley Schuchard-Letter, Bar, Pin; Jon Burkhalter-Certificate; Sabe Yalowizer-Certificate

**GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Kimberly Peck-Bar, Sr. Plaque 6 years; Madison Hulm-Bar, Sr. Plaque 6 years; Tessa Kopren-Bar, Sr. Plaque 6 years, 100% Cardinal medal; Marranda Hulm-Bar; Jenna Kari-Bar, Best Defensive Medal; Julianna Kari-Bar, MVP Varsity medal, Best Offensive medal; Maudie Lee-Bar, Most Improved medal, MVP B squad medal, Best Defensive B squad medal; Sydney Senn-Bar, Best Offensive B squad medal; Gracee Veal-Pin, Bar; Hope Crabtree-Pin, Bar; Rebecca Burkhalter-Pin, Bar; Taylor Fisher-Letter, Pin, Bar, 100% Cardinal B squad medal; Kiley Schuchard-Letter, Pin, Bar, Most Improved B squad medal; Madelyn Seidel-Stat pin; Maggie Archibald-Stat pin

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**GOLF:** Wrangler Weishaar-Bar, SR. plaque; Collin Palmer-Bar; Greg Voller; Dylan Beckman-Bar; Jaren Beckman-Bar; Chris Fisher; Julianna Kari-Bar; Isaac Anderson-Bar; Ethan Anderson-Bar

**TRACK & FIELD:** Cole Buer-Bar; Cody Buer-Bar; Ruth Burkhalter-Bar; Ross Collins-Bar Jenna Kari-Bar/Pin; Julianna Kari-Bar/Pin; Kim Kvale-Bar/Pin Josh McKinstry-Bar; Madelyn Seidel-Bar; Sydney Senn-Bar; Joey Auckland-Bar; Jim Brockel-Bar; Daniel Burkhalter-Bar; Shane Collins-Bar/Pin; Jace Prella-Bar; Rebekah Burkhalter-Bar; Kiley Schuchard-Bar/Pin; Sabe Yalowizer-Certificate; Katie Kvale-Certificate; Jonathan Burkhalter-Certificate

**Top Volleyball awards back row:** Sydney Arneson, Nicole Hafner, Madison Hulm, Kiana Brockel. **Front row:** Maudie Lee, Jenna Kari, Gracee Veal, Kim Peck.

**Bottom Girls Basketball awards back row:** Sydney Senn, Madison Hulm, Taylor Fisher. **Front row:** Kiley Schuchard, Jenna Kari, Maudie Lee, Tessa Kopren, Kim Peck.



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# Cardinal boys win conference track title



**Coach Brad Burkhalter, Joey Aukland, Daniel Burkhalter, Ross Collins, Josh McKinstry, Shane Collins, Cole Buer, Jim Brockel, Cody Buer, Jace Prella, Asst Coach Lauren Holder.**

Wow! That's the best word I can use to describe the boys track team effort last Friday in Lemmon. The team really came together when they needed to and looked fantastic. With the loss of Ross Collins to a freak accident the day before, we came into the meet seriously out-numbered by both Lemmon and Faith, but the boys performed at a level that I have not seen yet this year.

Cole Buer, Josh McKinstry and Daniel Burkhalter led the team and each were nominated for the MVP award. Josh won the 110 and 300 hurdles and the triple jump. Josh also placed 3rd in the long jump. Cole Buer won the 100 and 200 meter dashes and the long jump. Cole also tied for 2nd in the High Jump. Daniel Burkhalter won the 800, 1600 & 3200 meter runs and finished 2nd

in the 400 meter dash. That is 111 points scored with just 3 athletes.

Cody Buer turned in a good day as well, placing 2nd in the 100, 200 & triple jump and placing seventh in the high jump.

The shock of the day came from 8th grader Shane Collins, who scored more points than I thought were possible for him. Shane scored 23 points placing 4th in the shot and 5th in the discus. Shane also made a significant contribution by taking 3rd in the 110 hurdles and 2nd in the 300 hurdles. It was a great team effort that I will not soon forget with each athlete performing at high level, all on the same day. It's what coaches dream about. Aside from Joey Aukland misplacing his track shorts, it was a near perfect day.

On the girls side we ran well, but lacked the numbers to make a significant impact in the team scoring. Sydney Senn continues to lead the pace for the girls, finishing 2nd in the mile and 5th in the 400. Kiley Schuchard placed 3rd in the mile and 5th in the 100 meter hurdles. Now the team turns its attention to the Region Meet this Thursday. Daniel Burkhalter was named MVP.

Boys Team Points

Bison	181
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Brothers Cody and Cole Buer competing in the 100 meter race.



Jace Prella



Sydney Senn



Josh McKinstry and Shane Collins

## Highlights & Happenings

**Baby Shower** for Eliza Loughlin and Baby Boy (Arriving in June). Sunday, May 31st, 2 p.m. at the American Legion.

**Bridal Shower** for Rebecca Bingaman. Sunday, May 31st, 2 p.m. at the Wesleyan Church in Prairie City. Rebecca is registered at Target.

**Cards and well wishes** can be sent to Edith Meland at Golden Living Center, Room 30; 1100 4th

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**Homestead Heights** is planting a perennial garden. If anybody is cleaning out their flower beds and would like to donate cuttings to the project, it would be appreciated. Call Dawn at 244-5473.

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# Perkins County Commission convenes in Lemmon

By Beth Hulm

All five Perkins County commissioners and their legal counsel, Shane Penfield, were in attendance for regular monthly business at Dakota Lodge in Lemmon last week. It's something that the commission tries to do once a year – moving their meeting from their regular board room in the court house in Bison to Lemmon to make it easier for Lemmon-area entities to visit them about their funding needs for the upcoming year.

It's a practice that might change. Commission Rusty Foster questioned if it's necessary to have all of the groups who get annual subsidies from the county make a physical presence before them each year. Maybe next year they'll only have to send their requests in, along with the required financial statement, and appear only if they want to or if the county board has questions for them.

A total of 14 individuals, representing 11 entities, took turns on Tuesday afternoon to request funding in 2016, beginning with David Peterson from Arrow Public Transit. "We're asking for the same amount of money," he said, even though the organization is in need of another bus because, "It's just seems like it's one problem after another." The request

in 2015 was \$8,000. Arrow also gets funds from the state, rider fares and radio-thon donations.

Dave Johnson, Lemmon Area Charitable and Economic Development, said they've had no major increases in overhead. He reported the opening of Family Dollar in Lemmon last week and the sale of LACED's spec house. "We have some pretty good ambition for next year," he said, which he hopes will include a second spec house.

Likewise, George Larson, Rapid City, didn't ask for an increase for Western SD Senior Citizens. He reported an average 21 daily attendance for meals in Lemmon and 14 in Bison.

New fire chief, Ryan Kohn, accompanied by Chad Baumgarten and Harlen Hess – both former fire chiefs – do need more money. "We've been denied an increase the last few years," Kohn said. The Lemmon Fire Department is struggling to keep up with service trainings and maintenance. He said that his crew of volunteers is "very progressive" and "go anywhere in the county" and their equipment is "second to none," adding, "It takes a lot of money." They are currently enlarging their building.

Brad Besler, chairman of the county commission, said, "My hat goes off to you guys."

No promises for more money have been made and won't be until further along in the budget process, which will wrap up in September/October.

At the end of the meeting on Tuesday, commissioners had a tour of the Lemmon Fire Department.

Dakota Prairie Helping Hands was new to the subsidy list in 2015. Nora Anderson and Laurie Wickstrom were back to ask for the same \$1,000 consideration in 2016. The entity covers Perkins, Adams and Bowman counties to provide equipment, in-home services and grief support. Besler told them, "It's a nice service."

Next up was Jack Anderson and his mother Koreen Anderson, who talked about Lemmon's rodeo arena grandstands. "We had a very successful rodeo celebration last year," she said. She expects it to be even bigger and better this coming July because The Bellamy Brothers will be performing.

The rodeo committee has traditionally received \$2,500 per year for their grandstand project but would really like to double that amount for next year. "If you can find a few more bucks in there to help us out," she said, "we'd sure appreciate it."

K. Anderson stayed to speak for the 74th Annual Lemmon Jr.

Livestock Show. The financial report "probably looks better than other years," she said with the income up and expenses down. The same \$3,500 that the county has contributed each year is "totally adequate" for another year. Participation is "staying pretty consistent" and sales "really strong," Anderson said. The committee will be adding dairy/breeding goats this year.

LaQuita Shockley arrived next to speak for the Lemmon Senior Citizens. She asked for the same \$1,500 for them as previously and said that the biggest expense that the seniors have right now is to replace concrete in their building. She is writing (and receiving) grants to help with that cost. Weekly Bingo games have proved to be a good source of income for the seniors.

While she had the floor, Shockley put in a plug for this summer's Hugh Glass Rendezvous at the Shadehill park. In its first year, Shockley expects a small scale event but hopes that by summer 2016, it will "blow up." A blockbuster movie about Hugh Glass will be coming out next year and she expects it will bring more visitors to the historic park. She said that Perkins County has been sitting on a gold mine in its own backyard that hasn't been promoted. She hopes that county commissioners will get on board to help with the event.

Lori Drayton spoke for LIVE Center. She'd be happy with the same \$1,500 donation, too. "We're not going to do anything different," she said. Two less residents and budget cuts have contributed to an improving economy for her entity.

Susan Sandgren represented Three Rivers Mental Health and Chemical Dependency. Her request is for \$7,400. Three Rivers is a 24/7 on-call service organization that also gets funding from Medicaid and the State of South Dakota. Because services are on a sliding scale for clients, the money that the county contributes helps pick up the slack between what Medicaid and the state provide and what the customer pays.

Lemmon Ambulance's spokesman was Robert Block. Currently – and for many years – the county has set aside \$6,000 per year for five years for Lemmon's purchase of a new ambulance and then \$6,000 per year for five more years for Bison to purchase a new rig. Block would like \$75,000 over a 3 or 5 year period, which he sees as more realistic for buying new ambulances. A new one costs approximately \$200,000. Lemmon-area commission Mike Schweitzer was being "brutally honest" when he told

Block that there isn't \$75,000 available for an ambulance but promised, "It will be a priority to see if we can't come up with something."

Like many other ambulance services across the state, Lemmon's is struggling to meet state requirements, which requires 2 EMTs on every run. "We need people worse than we need money right now," Block said.

Budget requests from the rest of the county will continue during the June 9 meeting of the county commission in Bison.

Last Tuesday's meeting kicked off at 10:00 a.m. with Highway Superintendent Duane Holtgard being first on the agenda. He said that graveling and chip sealing on the Bixby Road, west of Bison, is nearing completion and that other county roads would be getting new gravel, too. He'll be piggybacking off a Harding County bid for gravel crushing.

An appraisal committee, consisting of Holtgard, Besler and John Peck, was appointed to appraise an old steel bridge for surplus and sale. He'll be starting the process to deed Coleman Avenue to the Town of Bison and Railway St. to the City of Lemmon, after the county helps to pay for improvements on both. Holtgard has signed 17 right of way easements along county roadways for Grand Electric to install underground lines.

Michael Hubbard, Johnson Controls, Sioux Falls, was back to talk about prioritizing repairs in the county court house and to get a project development agreement signed. Johnson Controls will use local contractors as much as possible to do the work. "We're almost looking for every trade," he said.

"It's refreshing to finally have somebody to help us get a plan together," Schweitzer said. "I have a good feeling about this."

Bob Weyrich, an ag specialist with SD Department of Ag, Rapid City, introduced himself and talked about the services that he can provide for Perkins County. They will use "layers of information" to do a feasibility study, he said, but it probably won't happen in this county until 2017.

In other business, Finance Officer Sylvia Chapman was instructed to prepare a letter of support for the Trans Canada Pipeline project; and commissioners agreed to study a Memorandum of Understanding from SDSU about the 4H advisor/coordinator position before signing it next month. Chapman announced that the county has a mosquito fogger/sprayer that is available for certified users.

*"Congrats to these three BHS state golf qualifiers and to Coach Jeffrey Johnson"*



**Ethan Anderson, Julianna Kari, Collin Palmer**

Bristol Palmer & sons  
Allen Palmer & boys  
Lonnie & Becky Krause  
Pat Palmer  
John & Veronica Kari

Bernice M Kari  
Chet & Mandy Anderson & family  
Bill & Colleen Larson  
Supt. Marilyn Azevedo





# A Ranchwife's Slant

## Cowboys, kids and ranch life

*Amy Kirk is a ranch wife from Custer, SD*



of a ranch decision maker stewing over whether to go to through with his branding or cancel it. Sometimes it's a hard call to make because there are many things at stake in making such a decision.

Canceling has a domino effect on decisions and considerations to be made and the conflicts with rescheduling around the other brandings already set. The month of May especially, is usually booked solid with brandings every weekend and some on weekdays.

The first factor to consider cancelling is that wet hides on calves don't brand up well. The biggest concern is taking into account how the calves will recover after getting branded, vaccinated, and castrated once they're turned out if it's overly rainy and muddy. The branding crew that shows up to help is also taken into account. Having enough people show up is highly depended on regardless when the branding takes place. Brandings need fly-tagers, vaccine gun runners, branders, cutters, and a lot of capable, able-bodied calf wrestlers. If a branding is canceled there's always concern over whether enough people will make it to the rescheduled branding date.

Rescheduling isn't easy since every ranch picks a weekend to brand and usually keeps the same weekend every year. If one gets cancelled, branding back-to-back after someone else's branding is doable, but makes for a longer day and

sometimes not as many people show up. Brandings require a lot of people helping and usually the same crew of people show up to help every year. Brandings are dependent on the people who traditionally do a specific job every year and these people become highly valued and counted on.

There's a lot of planning involved in order for neighbors to accommodate each other's brandings so if someone has to cancel it can make rescheduling around the others a challenge since these springtime events usually take place on weekends. Delaying one's branding whether for the next day or next week means extending the agony, stress, worry, and anxiety that builds prior to the big day. Knowing whose branding will get rained out is a crapshoot every year.

One concern that can have a damaging effect is muddy roads getting tore up from pickups and trailers driving on them to get to the branding corrals. Then there's the minor detail of the food made up ahead in order to feed everybody who helped. Any food that can't be frozen likely won't keep, depending on when the branding gets rescheduled for. The cost and work involved to cook enough food to feed everyone is also figured into the equation; at least for the cook.

Branding time is proof that it's not just women who can't make up their minds.

## May is Foster Parent Appreciation & Awareness Month

In honor of foster parents across the state of South Dakota, Gov. Dennis Daugaard has declared May as Foster Parent Appreciation and Awareness Month.

Each month, there are approximately 1,000 children and youth in foster care from public, private and tribal agencies in South Dakota. The South Dakota Department of Social Services encourages families to open their homes and hearts, and commit to know more about becoming foster parents.

"Foster parents provide the care and support children need to feel safe and secure while their families work through difficult situations," said State Department of Social Services Secretary Lynne Valenti.

Communities across the state are seeking more foster families to meet the needs of children and youth of all ages, with a greater need for families who will support and care for teenagers, sibling groups and medically fragile children. There is also a need for Native American families who can care for children who are Native American.

"It's important that children

have the opportunity to stay connected with their family, friends, culture, tribe, school and community," said Secretary Valenti. "Foster families play an important role in making that happen."

Foster homes allow youth to live together with brothers and sisters, remain in their own neighborhoods and stay in their schools. Children and youth in foster care need licensed foster families to provide them with the strength and stability it takes to be successful adults.

"Foster Parent Appreciation and Awareness Month allows us to recognize the incredible foster families who make a difference in the lives of children in South Dakota," said Virgena Wieseler, director of the Division of Child Protection Services. "Foster parenting is a significant and rewarding opportunity, and the Department of Social Services encourages families to consider becoming a foster family."

To learn more about becoming a foster parent, visit [www.FosterOneSD.org](http://www.FosterOneSD.org) or call the Department of Social Services at 605-773-3227.

### To Cancel or Not Cancel Branding, That is the Torturing Question

A rancher who has to decide whether or not to cancel his branding is a perfect illustration of what a tortured man looks like.

Such a difficult decision is based on a variety of variables. It could be due to rain or snowfall the morning of branding day or heavy rain the night before making the roads and branding corrals too soupy and muddy to brand or even get to the branding corrals. Furthermore, more than a 50 percent chance for more rain or snow predicted compounds indecisiveness.

The decision to cancel a branding can be troublesome for the command decision maker. What looks like someone agonizing over deciding whether to unleash a nuclear war head is actually the body language

## Why vitamins?

*By Richard P. Holm, MD*

More than 50 percent of adult Americans take a dietary supplement or vitamin. We spend something like \$35 billion dollars a year on non-regulated pills, powders, or patches hoping to lose weight, to improve function in sports or the bedroom, or just to prevent illness.

But what are we getting for our money? Stephen Barrett, MD, head of a non-profit organization to prevent health fraud, states that, "Consumers often fall victim to products and devices that do nothing more than cheat them out of money, steer them away from useful proven treatment, and sometimes do more bodily harm than good."

This important warning should not subtract from the fact that there are important benefits from vitamins and minerals, and there is a rich history how scientists studying malnutrition brought us to understand the value of vitamins and minerals.

Vitamin C deficiency was dis-

covered while analyzing a deathly diarrhea illness called scurvy, which effected British sailors. It was the limes and lemons containing vitamin C that helped the British "Limeys" avoid scurvy and win battles on the sea.

Vitamin B1 or thiamine deficiency was discovered while analyzing a neurodegenerative illness called beriberi, which affected Japanese sailors after they switched from brown rice to white. By removing the brown coating, they unknowingly had removed the vitamin laden protein coat. In the early 1900s, scientists discovered the vital-amine on the rice coating that would prevent the neurologic illness beriberi. Now all white rice is fortified with thiamine, the vital-amine, which is also the source for the word vitamin.

Micro-mineral iodine deficiency was discovered while analyzing both goiter, a thyroid enlargement condition, and cretinism, a childhood condition of mental defi-

ciency, each occurring in landlocked areas without exposure to iodine-laden sea-weed and deep-sea fish. By iodizing salt we prevent goiter and demented children in millions throughout the world.

But too much can be as bad as too little. Later scientists also discovered too high of a dose of iodine, and other minerals, as well as fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E, and other supplements can be dangerous. For example certain supplements like chaparral, coltsfoot, comfrey, yohimbine and others can cause liver damage, heart trouble, and increased risk of cancer. Obviously the whole nutritional supplement story is very complicated, and we should be careful not to swallow everything advertisers promote.

When it comes down to it, the best plan should be to eat a balanced diet with enough fish, nuts, fruits and vegetables, and maybe to avoid joining the British or Japanese Navy.

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## Little Pasture on the Prairie

by Eliza Blue



ful what you wish, they always say. In the week that followed the blizzard there was a rain shower almost every day, culminating in a night of rain so mighty we found two frogs swimming in the outdoor dog dish, the deep bowl full to the brim with water. The frogs seemed a little surprised to have arrived in the desert by deluge, their yellow-rimmed eyes, wide and unblinking, their long-fingered feet paddling against the sides of the bowl. Meanwhile, the pasture now featured a pond, and that pond was filled with a thousand more frogs, all singing together, deep and loud. After a few morning clouds, the day bloomed warm and postcard perfect, so I took the dogs out for a long walk, and when they plunged joyfully into the pond, the frogs stopped for a moment, only to resume as the dogs swept onward, shaking the droplets out of their fur coats in a second storm. They were still singing as evening fell into night. We went to bed with the windows open, the throaty frogs' songs caught and carried by the wind, along with the night birds' songs from high in the leafed out trees.

Winter was mild. Just a few little snow squalls and then an eerily early spring. What's not to like about that? Well, lack of moisture, mostly. Through January, February, and March you heard people mention it over coffee and pie at the a church luncheon, or waiting in line at the food store and the post office. Drought was never far from our minds. The beautiful, golden afternoons of warm sun, the dry, brown dust. No one wanted to complain, but by May, it was more than a small worry. There was heat, there were bright days, but without rain, the grass stood gray and dead, and could not grow.

If you added it all together, I am guessing the man of the ranch has spent a year's worth of hours staring at the sky, watching for clouds. And now, with the advent of the internet, he spends many more watching the colorful patches of clouds on the weather radar. He scrolls through the time lapsed maps looking for tell-tale splotches of green and yellow, hoping to see a few swatches pass over the icon of a red flag, the spot that marks our place.

Early in May there were several days when rain was predicted, and he'd come in to check the radar, cheering at the sight of green. He'd

read me the forecasts by the hour: 90% chance by noon, 100% by 1pm, only to watch the green clouds spin and scatter at 11:45, parting like the Nile at our property line.

One day he was in town when a steady rain began, drumming up dust on the edges of the feed store parking lot. Steering the pickup west, he watched the drops on the windshield cease their cheerful patter as he reached the turn off to the house, just a mile up the highway. The gravel of our driveway was still as dry as when he'd left. The rain had missed us again.

Then, two weeks ago, it finally happened. Rain. A soft rain that got harder and kept up all night, so we woke to glistening puddles and a sheepdog covered head to paws in mud. We could stop whispering the word drought, at least for a little while.

Then there was the Mother's Day Blizzard. A mix of rain that turned to snow that turned back to rain. It was enough moisture to carry us to summer. The man of the ranch teased friends on the phone, "Well, I guess you'll have to hay this year after all." The dams were full, the creeks overflowing. One less worry to carry to breakfast after a sleepless night.

But it didn't end there. Be care-

Of course the calendar's a mess. Brandings scheduled months ago have been moved, then moved again, and the trucks that were supposed to come pick up cattle have been cancelled twice on account of mud. The driveway isn't dry anymore. Most of our outdoor shoes are caked to the ankles with the winter's manure and dirt, and trails of it trickle through the house carried on pant legs and paws. But we aren't complaining. Not too much anyway.

What can we do? If it's not one thing, it's another -- or so it always seems. We must take pleasure in the grass that is sprouting so lushly on our side of the fence. Glory be to the waters that are rising. Glory be to the mud tracked in after the day's work is done. In the distance there may be a dark cloud, but overhead the sky is a clear, crystalline blue, and out in the pasture the cattle graze, hooves in the mud, noses buried in the green, green grass.

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# Obituary

Elaine Buchanan



Sophia Ingrid Sandgren. Like many of her generation, Elaine had a difficult childhood living through the Great Depression and World War II.

Elaine had found her career niche as a court reporter in New Mexico's Fourth Judicial District Court, where she had a distinguished 30 year career under Judges Armijo, Zamora, Angel, and Flores. Elaine is fondly remembered for her competency, diligence, and determination to accurately record legal proceedings.

Elaine was defined by her warm personality, her exceptional strength, and wry sense of humor. May her joyous spirit live on in the hearts of those who loved her. Elaine is survived by her sister, Evelyn, who cared for her in last years of her life; son Greg, daughter-in-law Bari, grandchildren Max and Sonya and nephews Steve and Mark.

Condolences may be sent through our website at [www.evansonjensenfuneral-home.com](http://www.evansonjensenfuneral-home.com).

Private family graveside services were held at the Chance Cemetery south of Meadow, South Dakota.

Elaine June Buchanan, age 91, passed away from natural causes, peacefully in her Rio Rancho, New Mexico home on May 11, 2015, where she lived with her sister Evelyn.

Elaine was born in Hettinger, North Dakota on June 7, 1923 to John Buchanan and Gladys

## Committee forming to research options for school solution

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of five children. Verhulst said that they don't take this decision "lightly." They would hope that the children would be accepted and welcomed. "If you want to come we'll make room for you," answered Kvale. In a few weeks a decision will be made on this issue.

Is a bus route needed on the Bixby Road? There are eight students on that route that could ride that bus. With that in mind the Board agreed to place a bus on that road once again for the coming school term. The bus contract with Gene Smith was discussed but not finalized.

Stacy Kvale was hired to be the Fourth Grade teacher for the coming school term. Brad Burkhalter was approved as the head track coach for this spring. The contract of Joyce Waddell to be the school librarian was approved for the coming school term. It was reissued due to a typing error. All returning teachers have already received their contracts.

Non-certified staff contracts were discussed at great length in executive session. Non-certified staff includes cooks, janitors, secretaries and teacher aides. After executive session nothing was decided on their contracts.

Kvale distributed information

about training for school board members. It can be done on line or by going to Aberdeen or Rapid City to attend a day of training. Eric Schuchard, a new school board member who was in attendance, remarked that he would favor doing the training on line.

Surplus property of land was discussed. After research it was discovered that only four acreages in the county belong to the school. The acreage in Rockford Township belongs to Rockford Township so the school cannot sell it. No action was taken to sell any of it since they are so small, maybe an acre or two.

Brent Roth, Junior High Basketball coach, was present to discuss the second reading of the Junior High Athletic Policy. After a time of deliberation the Board acted to add this item to the handbook.

Superintendent Azevedo read a policy concerning head lice she received from the Mobridge School District. At this time there is not a head lice problem at the Bison School but there has been in the past. "Kids shouldn't miss too much school," replied board member Dan Beckman. The policy states that a child may be sent home if the child has head lice

and can return to school after they have been treated. Kvale said that a child can be treated at the Bison Clinic to solve the problem. As a result the board adopted the policy with a first reading of it.

Business Manager Bonnie Crow distributed copies of a preliminary budget for the coming school term for the board members to study. Some surplus money will be needed and more money may be needed for the special education. A new software program will be used in the library.

A maintenance employee will be needed in July due to the retirement of janitor Becky Peacock at the end of June. An ad including a job description will be placed in the newspaper.

Senior Wrangler Weishaar, who did a Capstone Project this year, gave a report of his work. Showing pictures on a screen he described what he did for Burdine and Son Inc. He made oil pipe gate frames, a head board and a car trailer ramp. He said he learned a lot and enjoyed the project.

In other business a contract for the auditor was approved in the amount of \$10,700.



## Pastor's Perspective

Chuck Edwards

With the coming of the new pastor for the Prairie Fellowship Parrish on June 14th, I regret with warm heart felt feelings this is my last message to the Pastor Perspective. I truly am humbled to have been able to be a part of this wonderful group of people in all three churches. You have made my time serving you these past roughly nine months. It has been a joy that has filled my heart with great happiness.

I am not good at saying goodbyes, and so I would like to leave you with this

Warm Irish Blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be ever at your back, May the sunshine warm upon your face. And the rain fall softly on your fields.

And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

I would like to add this:

Whether I be far or near, may I hear only good news of you all. May you have warm words on a cool evening. A full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door. May you have a sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you, a sheltering angel so nothing can harm you. My last Sunday will be June 7th. I will be gone on May 31st and Bob Drown is looking for somebody to do the church services.

So once again, god luck to all and may the love of the God be with you all always.

## Church Services Directory

**Grace Baptist Church • Pastor Phil Hahn**

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer Mtg. - 7:30 p.m.

**Church of Christ**

18 mi. south of Prairie City - Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

**Prairie Fellowship Parish ELCA • Chuck Edwards**

• Rosebud - 8:00 a.m. • American - 9:30 a.m. • Indian Creek - 11:00 a.m.

**Christ Lutheran Church WELS**

Sunday Bible Class - 8:00 a.m., Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.

**Coal Springs Community Church**

South Jct. of Highways 73 & 20

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m., Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

**Seventh Day Adventist Church • Pastor David Moench**

Sabbath School - 2:00 p.m., Worship Service - 3:00 p.m.

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church • Fr. Tony Grossenburg**

Morristown-Saturday 4:45 p.m., Saturday Mass Lemmon 7:15 p.m.

Sunday Mass: Lemmon - 8:15 a.m., Bison - 11:00 a.m.

**Holland Center Christian Reformed Church**

**Pastor Brad Burkhalter • Lodgepole**

Worship Service - 8:00 a.m.

**First Presbyterian Church • Pastor Florence Hoff, CRE**

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

**Slim Buttes Lutheran • Pastor Henry Mohagen**

Reva • Worship Service - 9:00 a.m.,

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This appreciation program covers ambulance volunteers from the following towns: Hettinger, Reeder, Scranton, Bowman, Mott, Regent, New England, Lemmon, Bison, Buffalo and McIntosh. For their dedication, each volunteer at these local ambulance squads will receive a \$20 gift certificate for a meal at their local restaurant, an EMS STRONG t-shirt and an EMS STRONG coffee mug.

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# Grand River Round-up ..... by Betty Olson

Whew. What a week! Taz and Amanda got married on Friday, both Bison and Buffalo had high school graduations this weekend, and our granddaughter Brinley graduated from Sturgis Brown High School Sunday afternoon.

Bryce came home from college for the summer on Monday and she and Missy went to Reva to decorate the Reva Hall for the groom's supper while the guys hooked up the new stove in the kitchen at the other house. The girls borrowed three big electric roasters to augment the three of ours that we needed to cook the pulled pork for the groom's supper and all that roast beef for the wedding.

Reub was finally able to get in the field on Tuesday to plant barley at the Smith place. Casey ground feed while Taz, Jace Jenson, and Ben Juelfs hauled chairs and tables from Ludlow to the REC center in Buffalo and then hauled Amanda's furniture out from town to put in the other house. Missy and Starla Jenson spent the day decorating the church for the wedding. Bryce went down to help them decorate and Taz and Jace mowed around the church to get it ready for the

wedding.

We lost some heifers after they got into the alfalfa and bloated, so Casey and Bryce moved the rest of them into another pasture Wednesday morning while Reub went farming again. Missy, Taz, and Bryce went to Buffalo that afternoon to decorate the REC Center and mow the yard at the house in town.

Thursday I used one of the electric ovens to cook the pork loin Missy got for the groom's supper that she turned into delicious pulled pork. Reub and I seasoned the beef for the wedding reception to fill the other five electric roasters and a big crock pot and started them cooking. Guy, Cade and Cass came from Wyoming that afternoon and helped us with the beef before we all loaded up and headed to the Reva Hall for the groom's supper. Reub's cousin Lance and Marilyn Olson drove out from Great Falls, Montana for the wedding and got to the hall in time for supper and a good visit.

Teri and Mike and their boys got here in time for lunch on Friday and Lance and Marilyn came out to visit. We were just getting ready to eat when a nice guy with

a Pennington County license plate drove in the yard to let us know we had a bull on the highway, so Casey, Reub, Sandy Dan, and Lorri's nephew Austin McClure had to go move the big, bad boy back into the pasture. Sandy Dan brought me three more hens to replace some of my hens the fox killed. Trig shot two fox this week, so maybe these will have a better chance at life, especially if he can kill the other three that he's seen.

Since we got almost three quarters of an inch of much-needed rain on Friday, Taz and Amanda moved their wedding inside the church. It didn't take long for our little church to fill to capacity, but the ceremony went well. An enormous crowd packed the REC Center in Buffalo for the wedding reception that evening and a good time was had by all.

Taz and Casey entered the OK Shootout steer wrestling in Dupree Saturday, so Taz and Amanda spent their first day as newlyweds at the bull dogging, watching cowboys splatter through the muddy arena. Colt Floyd won the big bucks, but Taz brought a nice check home too, so it was worth the trip.

Teri and Mike left for Minnesota on Saturday, Megan had to go to the Hills to get stuff for the apartments she manages for her folks in Gillette, Reub and Guy went fishing with Cade, Creed, and Cass before they left for home late that afternoon, and I attempted to restore a little order around here.

We drove to Sturgis right after church on Sunday for Brinley's graduation. Lanie had gone back to Dickinson, and Trig stayed home to do sheep chores and study for his finals, but Casey, Missy, Bryce, and the newlyweds came to watch Brin get her diploma. Guy and Megan and the boys came out from Rozet to join the fun. Congratulations Miss Brinley!

And congratulations to Taz and Amanda on beginning their lives together here on the Olson ranch. We are so blessed! Free advice is usually worth just what you pay for it, but Grandma's got some good advice for these sweet newlyweds!

- Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.

- Trouble in marriage often

starts when a man gets so busy earnin' his salt that he forgets his sugar.

- Too many couples marry for better, or for worse, but not for good.

- When a man marries a woman, they become one; but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

- If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never turn into an old nag.

- On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past - but never the present!

- A foolish husband says to his wife, "Honey, you stick to the washin', ironin', cookin' and scrubbin'! No wife of mine is gonna work."

- The bonds of matrimony are a good investment only when the interest is kept up.

- Many girls like to marry a military man. He can cook, sew, make beds and is in good health... and he's already used to taking orders.

- If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

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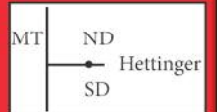
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