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Sam Lindgren's letter gets ESPN's College Gameday's attention

Sports are important to South Dakota communities, regardless of size. Clark is a relatively small community of roughly 1,110 people, with the county being home to around 3,400 residents.

The Comet/Cyclone tradition this millennium has been fantastic as far as community support and accomplishments in several athletic endeavors.

The credit for this success is far-reaching and it would be impossible to give all the credit where credit is due.

But in order to have athletic success(es), there must be an undying passion for athletics.

On the KELO-LAND news last Friday night at 6:00 p.m., in between the Clark homecoming parade and the Cyclone homecoming football game, the saga of how Sam Lindgren attempted to bring ESPN's Gameday to Brookings, this coming Saturday, was aired.

Sam Lindgren, a 2012 C. H. S. graduate and the entire Lindgren family have had much to do with Clark and Cyclone athletic success-

es this millennium. Sam is the youngest of Scott and Stacie Lindgren's four boys: Matt, Jordan, Jacob and Sam.

When a smaller school and school co-op can annually compete against any and all Class 'A' competition, many quality athletes and leaders are needed for success.

The Lindgren siblings were at the forefront of community athletic success and Sam's three older brothers have all graduated from college and

now he is a senior at South Dakota State University and making news, in a positive way.

It's always a testament to small communities and the families of those communities, when sports news is accomplished and noteworthy enough to be picked up by state media outlets.

ESPN, the major sports television network in America, broadcasts Gameday, a Saturday morning college football program. Each Saturday during the season, the four hosts of the show pick an appropriate college town location, featuring a big game that day/night.

This coming Saturday, Oct. 3,

North Dakota State University, a current three-time FCS national champion and two-time host of ESPN's Gameday, comes to Brookings to challenge the SDSU Jackrabbits.

Lindgren, knowing it would be a long shot, attempted to bring ESPN Gameday, to Brookings for this upcoming weekend. His attempt didn't work for this year, but it opened the door for future games at SDSU for hosting possibilities. Plus, it made Sam look and feel good, as the ESPN Gameday host Rece Davis, praised Sam's passion and letter writing ability with a video. Plus, Twitter went nuts with this, hashtag #Gamedayto Brookings.

To explain this, Lindgren wrote a letter back in August to College Gameday to come to Brookings for the SDSU versus NDSU match-up.

"I was shocked when Rece Davis

Lindgren

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This is the computerized photo to show image Sam Lindgren envisioned, had ESPN's College Gameday come to Brookings.

Beautiful fall weather helps make CHS Homecoming fun for all

Nice weather always contributes to the degree of success to the homecoming parade and the 2015 Clark High School Homecoming Parade was a huge success. The weather certainly helped, but a big crowd saw two fine bands, many school

floats and many business and commercial entries, making for a very nice homecoming parade.

The 2015 Clark Homecoming Parade with the theme 'Cereals' win-

ning **CHS Homecoming**

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The fifth grade float, with its colorful balloons were 'Lucky' and 'Charmed' the judges, winning first place.



Captain Crunch and his homemade pirate ship helped earn first place honors for the second grade elementary walking division.



Snap, Crackle & Pop characters and football players made up the third grade entry. They earned second place honors in their division.

St. Boniface Cemetery located at north end of Clark



The St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery located on the north end of Clark dates back to the late 1800's. Shown above, the Kelly family stone notes the passing of Michael J., 1852-1916 and his wife Mary A., 1854-1932.

The smaller white headstones in the foreground have Father and Mother engraved in the top arches of the stones. On the face of the smaller stones it reads, 'Pray for the repose of his soul' on Father's and the same wording only 'of her soul' on Mother's.

An early founder of Clark, Mattie E. Greenslet owned the land that was later sold to the Bishop of the Sioux Falls Diocese.

St. Boniface Cemetery rests on the land that was homesteaded by Mattie Greenslet who filed her claim in December of 1880. She received the patent for the land in 1882.

The land was sold by Greenslet, who later married General Conklin. She sold it to W. D. Wayne who in turn sold it to the Most Reverend Martin Marty, Bishop of the Sioux Falls Diocese for \$300. This tract measured 383 x 410 feet.

Early records indicated the following early graves: Bartley Mitchell and Ferdinand Blanchette in 1883, Abbie Travers 1893, Margaret and Mary Jane Mitchell, Dennis McLaughlin and Catherine Crimmins in 1896.

Some of the older stones in the cemetery with names that can still be read are white in color and several have crosses on the top.

One large stone with a cross at the top bears the family name Kelly with the names of Michael 1852-1916 and his wife Mary, 1854-1932. In the front of them are one stone that reads Father and one that

reads Mother on the top arch of the stone. On the front of both it says 'Pray for the repose of his soul' on Father's and 'Pray for the repose of her soul' on Mother's stone.

Anna Pickles died in 1898, the wife of W. L. Pickles, whose stone can still be read as can be Peter Marrin who died at age 61 in 1898.

The stone that marks the grave of Abigail Travers who died at 30 years old in 1909 has an ornate carving of flowers that stands out on the stone on the front side along with the lettering.

Family names that rest in the cemetery include the names Beauvais, Bertrand, Birkholtz, Desnoyers, Harvey, Hess, Hilgut, Rusch, Stinson, Quin, Travers and Conway.

"In 2014 approximately 80 headstones were re-leveled," stated Father John Short of St. Michael's Catholic Church. "We had a great crew that did a lot of cleanup and trimmed trees along with the straightening of many stones. This was done in the summer of 2014."

Currently the sexton for the cemetery is Bob Gergen.

Clark School Board accepts bleacher/lighting bids

A special meeting of the Clark School District 12-2 was held Monday night for the purpose of accepting bleacher and lighting bids for the Clark High School sports complex, located just west of the high school.

For the bleachers, the low bid of \$51,362 by SAAFE, along with the \$15,437 concrete bid of Werdel Construction, was accepted, totaling \$66,799.

For the lights, Eframson Electric was the low bidder, steel pole type, 10-year warranty, for \$73,215.93. Musco lighting will be used.

It was reported by superintendent Luanne Warren that the school had \$155,083 to spend on this project.

The bleacher and lighting bids came to \$140,015.

At Monday's meeting, the school board also accepted the resignation of high school cook and elementary custodian, Coral Berg.



Petersen plaque put up at golf course gazebo

The plaque was put on the Vernie Petersen Memorial service station gazebo, Saturday at the Clark Municipal Golf Course. Kerry Kline, represented the city and the golf club board of directors.

All three of Vernie and Dorothy Petersen's children were in attendance for this event. Left to right are Dan and Bette (Blegen) Stevens, Okoboji, Iowa;

Jerry and Pam (Jewell) Petersen, Baltic with Dorothy in between and Julie (Petersen) and Greg Cluts, Watertown.

Vernie was an avid golfer and a very community-minded carpenter. This gazebo was built by the Clark FFA with Vernie Petersen memorial and city funding.

WEATHER			
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Sept. 22	69	52	0
Sept. 23	69	59	0
Sept. 24	64	55	tr
Sept. 25	75	55	0
Sept. 26	75	53	0
Sept. 27	80	61	0
Sept. 28	69	48	tr
2015 precipitation to date	18.86"		
2014 precipitation to date	14.64"		



Jake Edleman ran 89 yards on 10 totes in the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone homecoming game against the highly ranked Hamlin Chargers. The victory went to Hamlin 28-20.