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Senior Features of 2013

Kenneth Nordhus: "Exercise and learn new things"

▲ Nordhus starts every morning at 5:00 a.m.



Kenneth and his wife Harriet Nordhus like to keep busy in their retirement years. Every week day morning finds them at the Clark field house, exercising around 5:30 a.m. Kenneth also enjoys woodworking and 'tinkering'. The shelf on the wall is some of his handiwork. He also fixes the equipment at the field house when it's needed. Kenneth grew up in Woodland township in Clark county.

Kenneth Eugene Nordhus was born on the farm that his grandfather homesteaded, 12 miles north of Clark. On December 12, 1927, he was the second child born to Severt and Esther (Cradit) Nordhus. He has one older brother, Robert and two years later, his sister Joyce was born.

Christopher and Juliet (Larson) Nordhus were the grandparents that homesteaded the family farm. They moved to Clark after Severt took over the farm.

Kenneth's mother's parents, John and Jessie Cradit were from Missouri. For a time, they had a blacksmith shop in Clark before moving to Iowa where he continued as a blacksmith.

Early years

Kenneth's brother Robert was two years older than him. "He would be the instigator in a rotten egg fight when we'd find an old chicken's nest," laughed Kenneth. "He was always getting me in trouble." Feeding chickens, herding sheep and cows and milking cows before and after school were chores the boys had to do to help on the farm.

School was attended at one of the Woodland District schools and was only a half a mile away if they cut through the field. Kenneth graduated from the eighth grade at the Woodland school. He recalls his family boarding two teachers after that, Ann Eggen and Ruth Skavang, as their farm was so close to the school.

The horse team

When about 14 years old, Kenneth recalls seeding grain with a 10 foot

Nordhus

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Cyclones have successful State B

Clark-Willow Lake had two wrestlers finish runner-up in their respective weight classes at the South Dakota Class B Wrestling Tournament last weekend in Aberdeen. Jakob Weisbrod at 132 lb. and Logan Tonak at 220 lb. brought home state championship runner-up awards.

Above, senior Logan Tonak receives congratulatory hugs from Cyclone co-coaches Cord Glanzer, left and Chad Smidt. Congratulations to Jakob and Logan. For more on the State B Wrestling Tournament, turn to page 9.

Photo by Renae Burke

Feeding the hungry is Willow Lake FFA project



This is what the Willow Lake auditorium looked like on Thursday morning. In celebration of FFA Week, 55 Willow Lake FFA members and community adults

formed five assembly lines (not all pictured) to package food to be shipped by Kids Against Hunger while middle school and high school students observe.

There is a better way to celebrate FFA Week than to prepare 35,640 meals for the needy? The Willow Lake High School auditorium was the site last Thursday morning as 55 Willow Lake FFA members, FFA state officers and a FFA national officer, along with community members packed all these meals for Kids Against Hunger.

Willow Lake FFA advisor Dan Tonak knew it would be a big project,

needing financial backing and a huge work force.

"We were able to do this project because of very generous grants and donations from Cargill, the Willow Lake Lions Club and a handful of individuals in the community," said Tonak, as \$8,450 was needed to take on this worthy project.

Katie Nieman, Aberdeen, office manager for Kids Against Hunger, was in attendance Thursday morning and she explained the process of

the five assembly lines, with 11 at each assembly line.

"The food will probably go to Haiti," she commented as she said that Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

The Kids Against Hunger organization takes the food after it is assembled and ships it to the needy.

Nieman explained that four main ingredients make up the contents of the meals: long grain white rice, fortified soy protein, a mix of dehy-

drated vegetables and chicken-flavored vegetarian flavoring containing vitamins and minerals.

Nieman's father, Terry Haar, has worked with Richard Proudfoot for 30 years and Proudfoot is the President of Kinds Against Hunger, located out of Minneapolis.

"Today we will put together over 35,000 meals, package into 165 boxes with 5,346 pounds of dry ingredients," said Nieman. "Each package contains about 390 grams and six servings."

Natasha Reddig, a Willow Lake FFA junior, is the initiator of this project. She was looking for a community service project for her ag class and found on the internet the

Willow Lake FFA
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WEATHER

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Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Feb. 19	-4	-14	0
Feb. 20	10	-12	0
Feb. 21	17	3	.02
Feb. 22	18	-2	0
Feb. 23	20	-1	0
Feb. 24	26	6	0
Feb. 25	28	2	0
2013 precipitation to date			1.17"
2012 precipitation to date			0.68"

Sentinel bill sent to Senate floor amid several questions

By Elizabeth "Sam" Grosz
Community News Service

The controversial "Sentinel" bill which would allow local school boards to put armed guards inside schools passed out of the Senate State Affairs Committee last week.

About 60 people were on hand at the meeting, despite snow—and limited travel—in much of the state. Time constraints, however, limited the number of people testifying, as well as the length of their comments.

The vote to send HB1087 to the Senate floor as amended was 5-4. This surprised many observers who had expected the vote to swing the other way.

The amendment removed an addition made by the House that allowed school boards to discuss and make a decision in executive session to implement a sentinel program.

Sen. Mark Johnston, R-Sioux Falls, noted that such action would conflict with the existing open meeting statutes.

Sen. Craig Tieszen, R-Rapid City, agreed, noting that it must be a publicly made decision, but after that details could be handled in executive session as a personnel matter.

The lines were still drawn in the testimony between those who supported the bill as necessary for

teacher and student safety, and those who feared the presence of guns would most certainly end in accidental shootings and unintended deaths of those who were meant to be protected.

Tieszen recounted instances from the 1990s when he was a Rapid City police commander in which an armed student threatened fellow students. Of 13 threats in Rapid City following the Columbine school shooting in 1999, Tieszen said, two were credible and could have caused harm if not stopped.

"So, if we think we are immune in South Dakota," Tieszen said, "think again."

Rep. Scott Craig, R-Rapid City, refuted the assumption that this bill was in response to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting recently. He said he had presented his concept to the Legislative Research Council in December and the shootings took place two weeks later.

That, he said, "confirmed the rightness of this bill." Since then, he said, there have been four more incidents seen nationally.

Compelling opposition came from New Underwood School Superintendent Jeff Marlette, who is a retired Brigadier General who saw combat.

"Have we now reached a place

that our state has gotten so bad, so unsafe," Marlette asked, where teachers need to carry guns? He outlined the dangers of peripheral damage that even trained law enforcement can inflict when trying to bring down a gunman.

Rob Monson, State Association of School Administrators, presented an amendment that would have changed the bill's intent to an interim study topic.

Tieszen later called the so-called "hog house" of the bill an "ambush," noting he had seen the amendment for "exactly 32 minutes" during the meeting. He called the attempt "intensely disrespectful."

That amendment was defeated.

Sen. Larry Lucas, D-Mission, said the sentinel bill was an important issue, in fact, "this is THE issue of the 2013 session." He added, "what we have in place is working," noting that boards could already hire guards.

Chairman Larry Rhoden, R-Union Center, said the bill's intent has been blown out of proportion. He said it would allow the state's 152 school districts to decide whether to participate in a sentinel program.

Rhoden called the program "one small step in the right direction."

The bill now travels to the Senate floor for final legislative consideration.

World Day of Prayer to be celebrated Friday, March 1

The annual World Day of Prayer Service will be held at the Clark Assembly of God Church on Friday, March 1, 2013 with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. A brunch will be served by the Assembly of God women at 9:30 a.m. followed by the

program.

World Day of Prayer is one of the Church Women United programs held in our community each year. The other events are World Community Day in November and May Fellowship Day held in May.

Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day is Friday

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, Friday, March 1 is Read Across America Day, 2013. In its 14th year the National Education Association is calling America's children, both young and old alike, to reward their learning by celebrating by reading.

To celebrate Dr. Seuss' 109th birthday, students at Clark Elementary School will be having guest readers come into various classrooms to read books. "Grab your Hat and Read with the Cat" is the 2013 theme of NEA's Read Across America celebration. "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child."

The following community members will be participating in the Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day: Preschool - Barb Desnoyers; Kindergarten - Terri Cordrey; First grade - Craig Spieker; Second grade - Bernice Halling; Third grade - Kari Thonvold; Fourth grade - Julie Foster; Hillcrest and Silver Lake Colonies - Brian Heupel and Fordham Colony - Brenda Yost.

"Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day has been a popular event, not only for students, but also for the guest readers," said Fordham Colony teacher Joan Boehnke.



Ice skating provides winter fun

The ice skating rink in Clark was a popular place last Friday as area youngsters took to the ice. Shown above from left to right are, Caitlyn Anderson, Correna Anderson, Jackson Werdel, Ashley Dailey, Taylor Pickrel and Noah Boykin.

A little later in opening this year, the rink is now open for skating, complete with a warming house and

hot chocolate. Pam Ambrose is the skating rink attendant and welcomes skaters from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On the weekends, earlier afternoon hours are kept at the rink. If the red flag is out, no skating is allowed.