

Gene Lorenz selected to the SD Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame



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Five former standouts are members of the 2020 induction class for the South Dakota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.

The new inductees include Gene

Lorenz of Aberdeen, Scott Bartholomew of Wheaton (Minn.), Curt Cutler of Sioux Falls, Steve Fejfar of Elk Point and Rich Osborn of Redfield.

The Class of 2020 will be honored on Saturday, Aug. 8 during the state tournament at Mitchell. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, plans for the Hall of Fame induction banquet have not been finalized. More details will be released in the coming months.

The South Dakota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame is located in Lake Norden.

The 2020 inductees include:

Gene Lorenz

An all-around athlete, the 1981 Clark High School graduate played football, basketball and baseball at Northern State University in Aberdeen.

After leading Clark to the 1982 State B American Legion baseball title and earning Class B Player of the Year honors, Lorenz was a three-year starter in baseball at NSU and batted .481 and tied the school record for home runs in a season (15) as a senior first base-

Lorenz

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Scholars of Excellence are honored at graduation

During Clark High School 2020 graduation, Scholars of Excellence are honored. In its second year, a banquet was to be held, but as of yet has not, so Saturday, from left to right, Karla Gutierrez, Saylor Hallstrom, Amanda Reff, Olivia Sass and Matt Streff, seniors with at least a 3.75

GPA and National Honor Society members.

While being honored, each scholar told of who influenced them individually, the most. They are shown waving to one of the 'influencers' seated in the football stands, Mr. Greg Janisch.

Clark School will begin August 19 - with COVID-19 policies and procedures in place

Clark School superintendent Luanne Warren stated unequivocally, "School will begin on Wednesday, August 19."

Above and beyond that, there are many unknowns. Public school decisions will be on the local level, but all schools in the state will be networking, communicating and staying in contact with neighboring and connected schools.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Warren continued on the lines of "we plan on starting traditionally, providing everyone takes precautions."

Plan B is a hybrid plan, with half of the school population coming to school at one time.

Plan C is when and if there is a large outbreak and distance/remote learning would then take place.

The coronavirus task force has held several meetings this summer and Warren said that the school newsletter going out in the near future will have a packet regarding coronavirus information, plans and policies. "Parents should be looking for this," said Warren.

Masks will not be required at the elementary level, noted Warren, unless respective parents want their children to wear masks. In

the middle and high school, masks will not be mandatory, but rather recommended when doing group activities.

Last spring, as the pandemic hit, school went from on-site to distance learning. "Things will be different this year, as we are educating teachers more effectively to handle remote learning," said Warren.

Warren explained that when it comes to distance learning - more is less. "We will have two or three instructional days then a workday, then two or three instructional days and then a workday," she said.

"We are also going to train our teachers in Google Classroom, K12. In case of distance learning options, we will be hosting inservices regarding different learning platforms.

"More is less' doesn't mean that the school is slacking off. Last spring was a shock to everyone's system, students and teachers. Teachers, individually, handled it differently. We need to be more uniform."

Warren has been as busy this summer as she is during the school year, in preparation for COVID-19 policies and procedures.

"Summer has been busy," she

said, with two new administrators and several new staff members to acclimate to district expectations.

Cleaning has been non-stop this summer and that will continue into the school year, as cleanliness is very important in the stopping of the spread of this virus.

"Cleaning will take place three times a day. Custodial staff will spray with a fine mist to clean surfaces. A deep cleaning - washing desks, washing seats, washing door handles, washing all hard surfaces, will be done continuously.

"We have ordered face shields for teachers and they will wear either

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Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
July 21	84	61	.94
July 22	77	60	0
July 23	78	62	0
July 24	86	66	0
July 25	91	68	.97
July 26	89	68	.30
July 27	81	62	0
2020 precipitation to date	12.99		
2019 precipitation to date	21.44		

Brian Jenkins authors an Ash Township history book

Brian Jenkins of Clark, in researching his family history, often thought it would be neat if someone made a book on Ash Township history - where he grew up - the son of Jim and Barb (LaBay) Jenkins.

With numerous photos from his aunt Bernice Halling, through her parents, Austin and Ethel Jones and her grandfather Id LeRoy or 'I. L.' Jones who enjoyed photography and took many photos and at times hired others to take photos for him, the early pictorial history of Ash Township is well represented.

A year in the making, with help from the software - Bookify - including the binding of the completed book along with photos, the book came to fruition in April of this year.

Its title is The History of Ash Township, Clark County, South Dakota - volume one - sections 1 through 18.

One through 18 is the north half of Ash Township with the southern half, which includes Jenkins original farm in Sections 19 through 36. coming out in the next publication - volume two.

Approximately 240 landowners over the years and their families with hundreds of tangent families are included in this first volume. Many interviews were done with local residents as well.

Photo studio software has assisted Jenkins in bringing to life many negatives and even enhancing photos of poor quality.

Like the photo of the Indian Mound surrounded by the Thomas Jones family descendants on the back cover of the book. "That photo was so lightly - colored you couldn't even tell it was a photo, but my software brought out the true original photo," added Jenkins. "It really



Ash Township within Clark County, has so much history photos and information gathered by Brian Jenkins, that he has compiled it all into a book. With his great aunt Ethel Jones in her buggy on the cover who is also local resident Bernice Halling's mother, an extensive collection of historic photos and history fill this hardcover book finished in April.

Jenkins is five chapters into Volume Two of the history of Ash Township - the southern half. This book above is titled The History of Ash Township, Clark County Volume one - sections 1-18.

brings alive old faded photos, too. This software is great to have if you have a lot of old photographs to improve."

Photos are plentiful within the book with almost every page having one or two that made history stand still for a moment. Plat pages and

historic documents such as copies of homestead certificate, sale bills and a young peoples promotion certificates are included in the book.

The memoirs of I. L. Jones on pages 118 to 183, is a 1959 recollection.

Jenkins

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Clark County 4-H Rodeo had a soggy weekend

Rain in July is not real common place in South Dakota. For the second consecutive year, the Clark County 4-H Rodeo had sloppy, muddy conditions, due to an inch of rain Friday night followed by another half inch of rain Saturday night.

With over 250 competitors participating in the Clark County 4-H Rodeo Saturday and Sunday, both days proved quite a challenge to get good times.

"Most people really like our rodeo," said 4-H adviser Kim McGraw. "Sure, they were a little disappointed with the rain, but everyone had the same conditions. Families went home Sunday a little tired and really muddy."

Above, a junior goat-tying contest shows the muddy conditions.

4-H livestock will be 'show and go' this year

▲ No spectators allowed

The Clark County 4-H Achievement Days this year has changed and will be replaced by the 4-H Livestock Event.

"We're pretty fortunate that at least we can do something here in our county," added 4-H Extension educator Kimberly McGraw of Clark. "It'll be one for the record books. I don't think we've ever canceled an Achievement Days event and we've had an extension agent in this office since the early 1900s. I believe we were the third county in the state to get an extension agent I was always told."

There will be no static events on display this year, no interview judging, no dog show, no style show and no grand finale event due to COVID-19 restrictions with the pandemic.

A 'Show-and-Go' format will be used with the livestock events. With this format, only the 4-H members who are showing and their family members will be allowed on the 4-H grounds during each species show. The animals will be trailered to the 4-H grounds, unloaded and shown. All washing, grooming and trimming of the animals are to be done before they arrive at the show. At the conclusion of each species show, the animals will be loaded up and hauled home.

The livestock shows will be ongoing on August 3, 4 and 5 at the Clark County Fairgrounds but there will be no spectators invited or allowed in person.

"It will be a little different this year, but you can still watch your child compete online on our Clark

County 4-H page in a live stream," added McGraw.

The 4-H static exhibits may be brought to the State Fair this year, but they will not be judged or ribbons awarded. They may be shown for display purposes only.

"The dates for the State Fair are September 3-7 and it will look a little different this year with very minimal viewing at Nordby Exhibit Hall, compared to recent years," added McGraw.

The kids' 4-H books and requirements for this year will be adjusted as many were not able to have project completion in all areas.

"The requirements are different for 2020. This has been a difficult year with so many changes due to the pandemic," ended McGraw.