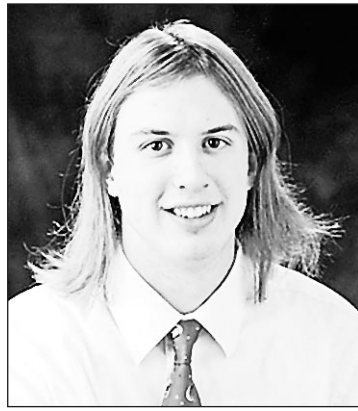


March students of the month announced



CARLEE SORENSEN



ALEX LARSON

Carlee Sorensen and Alex Larson were selected as the March Students of the Month for Vermillion High School. Their contributions in the classroom and in the community are being rewarded with a \$100 scholarship from First Bank & Trust-Vermillion.

Sorensen "is a very industrious student," according to her faculty recommendation. "She is also very respectful toward her teachers and peers." She plans to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings to major in nursing.

Her abundance of extra-curricular activities include basketball, track, National Honor Society, and volleyball. She was a Girls State

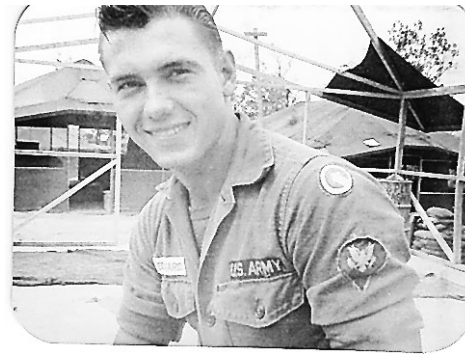
candidate and she was All-State in softball. Her parents are Kirk Sorensen and Dawn Nelson.

Larson's "independent nature and team commitment are two of the personal qualities that I think of when asked about his character." His faculty endorsement goes on to say that "it is a true pleasure to witness his determination." His parents are Gary Larson and Christina Keller.

His plans are to study physics in college. He is a National Merit semifinalist and was Academic All-State in football. He also has been involved with the Young Democrats, Quiz Bowl, band and National Honor Society.

Honoring & Remembering: Specialist E4 Larry Edwards

By Donna Schafer
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Clay County Post 3061



EDWARDS

Specialist E4 Larry Edwards was born Oct. 5, 1945 to Pauline and Carl Edwards in Anthon, IA on the family farm.

He was drafted Nov. 9, 1965 and was inducted into the Army in Sioux Falls. His basic training took place at Fort Leonard Wood, MO which is about 80 miles east of Springfield, MO. His training lasted for eight weeks.

After a two week leave Larry was on his way to Fort Lee, VA. He was in Quarter Master Training which lasted for 12 weeks. But because his wife, Lee, was almost due to deliver their first child, Larry was granted a deferment for a couple of months from going to Vietnam.

After bringing his family back to Vermillion, he then flew out of Omaha, NE, to San Francisco, CA and went on board to

another plane for Vietnam.

When he arrived in An Khe, Vietnam, there was a need for carpenters. He quickly volunteered and he was kept busy building barracks for the year that he was there. He also had a military drivers license, so he and another soldier would go An Khe to Pleiku with huge barrels of helicopter fuel or go to

Qui Nhon to get booze for the servicemen's clubs. For a while, he was the assistant mail clerk.

Larry was involved in some search and supply missions. A whole platoon would go out into the jungle looking for something out of place such as a mine or mortars that hadn't detonated.

The Christmas of 1966 the Bob Hope Show came to An Khe. He brought along the Beach Boys and Miss World, and others.

There are lots of poisonous snakes in Vietnam. "One day a snake came from the shower house and all the guys chased him all over the place," said Larry. "It finally went back to the shower area and they were able to kill it. We later found out that it was a seven foot Russian Viper which is one of the deadliest snakes around."

The night before he left Vietnam to go home, Larry went to Transportation. Someone tapped him on the shoulder and it was Terry Seney. He was the only one who he saw over there that he knew.

Extension, 4-H offering three equine-related events

The South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service and the Clay County 4-H Lucky Trailblazers club will host the Lassos and Legends program on April 28-30.

The events include a youth public-speaking contest on April 28, a dinner and program with Today's Horse magazine publisher Deb Black on April 29, and a tack swap and youth ranch-horse clinic on April 30. To get information on any or all of these events, call organizer Will Kennedy, Extension 4-H/Youth Development educator, at 605-677-7111.

Kennedy said the events are tremendous opportunities for the community to enjoy good food, good company, and to hear a "legend" speak.

"These events will help support youth programs in this area, and we feel fortunate to have Deb Black serve as our 'Legend' this year," Kennedy said. "Deb plays a major role in the Midwest as founder and publisher of South Dakota's own Today's Horse magazine, and while our events are horse-related, you do not have to be a horse lover to enjoy the evening."

The youth public-speaking

contest is open to speakers 18 and younger, and will include sponsor-donated cash prizes for the winners. Speakers must register with Kennedy before April 19. The tack swap will be held from 9 a.m.-noon at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Vermillion. Staff will provide tables and participants are welcome to bring tack they want to sell or come to shop. Call Kennedy to reserve a table.

Kennedy said the youth ranch-horse clinic on April 30 is open to 4-H youth who will be given the opportunity to not only hone their horsemanship skills but also

learn more efficient ways to work cattle.

"We wanted to make this clinic available since the South Dakota 4-H horse show will host a ranch-horse competition demonstration this year," he said. "Youth from this clinic are eligible to be selected for that event, and it's a great way for other 4-Hers to see the skills required for this style of equine activity."

Kennedy can answer questions on any of the Clay County horse-related events by email. Write him at Todd.Kennedy@sdstate.edu.

SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Cleo Erickson

Excerpts from the Plain Talk

1953

The REA office will be moved this week to their new modern building on Highway 50 east of the city.

The man that robbed the Thorson home in the Westville area has been sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary for grand larceny by Judge C. C. Puckett. He was taken to the penitentiary by Sheriff Joe O'Connor the day after the sentence was passed.

There are over 21,000 books available to readers at the Vermillion Public Library.

At a meeting Friday night the City Council approved a motion to advertise for bids for the purchase of lights, bleachers and other equipment for the Prentis Park baseball field. The equipment, installed by the Community Athletic Association, has been offered to the city by the Association for \$7,500. To make a purchase in that amount the city must advertise for bids. The registered voters have returned 967 cards with 740 voting in favor of the purchase and 205 against and 12 cards unsigned. The council also

received a petition asking that a roller skating rink be established.

From the "Remember When" column of the Plain Talk, it states that a contract was let for a new residence to be built by C. E. Prentis on Court Street. Fairview residents voted to build a new town hall and the post office was handling 558 pounds of mail a day.

DOLLAR DAYS IN VERMILLION: Meisenholder Department Store has the following bargains.

80 square print percale, 4 yards for \$1.00; 15 cent wash cloths, 8 for \$1.00; Men's fancy cotton anklets, 2 for \$1.00; Men's nylon anklets, plain colors, 2 for \$1.00.

A month ago a petition bearing the names of 212 young citizens—all teenagers was presented to the city council with a request that some area in the city be made available for roller skating during the summer. Through the courtesy of the Vermillion Eagles Club, a roller skating rink will be opened on the concrete parking area just east of the Eagles clubroom building. Colored lights have been put up by the city to give a carnival atmosphere and a nickelodeon will provide

music for skating.

The first shipment of Magnavox Television sets has arrived at Modern Electric and are on display at the store.

Jacobsen Bakery specials this week include, Raisin Bread, 22 cents; Dozen pan rolls, 19 cents; Pineapple pies, 55 cents; and dessert cups, 4 for 15 cents.

The City Council has approved a new salary schedule for city employees. The Mayor's salary is set at \$1200.00 annually and each Alderman at \$600.00 annually. These figures represent an increase of \$600.00 a year in the salary of the Mayor and \$300.00 a year for the Alderman.

The new Coyote Motel will hold an open house on June 21, 1953. Mr. & Mrs. Jeb Collins extend a cordial invitation to everybody in the entire area to come and help celebrate their open house. It is the finest, most modern motel in the area. The motel is approved by AAA and recommended by Duncan Hines.

The total assessed valuation of all personal and real property in the city is set at \$4,472,180. This represents an increase of \$156,830 over the total for 1952. One new item, television sets, was added to the assessment lists this year. The evaluation of the sets in Vermillion is listed at a total of \$16,395. There were 1207 assessments of household furnishings in the city.

A decrease in federal income taxes of approximately 10% is scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 1954.

Vermillion has had many grocery stores over the years. A significant feature of the grocery stores in the main business district of Vermillion is that most of them are home owned business firms. The Abrahamson store was started by Nels Abrahamson in 1924 as a general store on the northeast corner of Main and Center Streets. Seven years ago he moved the grocery store further west on Main Street. The Council Oak Store, a unit of a chain, has

been located in Vermillion since 1930. The newest store is Quality Market owned by Dick Tonseth and Van Dale Larson. The Hinchliff grocery is run by Harold Hinchliff and is located on Main Street. The City Meat Market is one of the oldest grocery stores in Vermillion. In 1921, Tony Hugener purchased it from Larry Houlton and in 1947; F. C. Michels bought it and added groceries. In 1949 Tom Rabusch and Bud Christensen became co-owners of it. The Stop & Shop grocery store was originated by the parents of Nate Hurowitz as a general store in 1923. After Nate returned from service he purchased the business from his parents and changed it into a grocery store and meat market. Clifford's Market is operated on East Main by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clifford. The O. P. Skaggs grocery store was opened in 1947. W. C. Olawsky purchased the store in September of 1951 and continued to operate it in the same building in which it originated.

The Dakota Republican,

which was consolidated with the *Vermillion Plain Talk* in 1947, was first published in July 1861 and suspended publication in the fall of the same year. After that many different editors had come and gone. In 1923, Mr. J. B. Townsley purchased the interest from Mr. Danforth. Mr. Austin Lathrop was the other owner, thus the firm name was Lathrop and Townsley until sold to the *Plain Talk*. The *Vermillion Plain Talk* was established in 1883 by Thos. H. Ayres, a radical Democrat. When Andrew E. Lee was elected governor in the late nineties, Mr. Ayres went to Pierre as his private secretary and sold the *Plain Talk* to W. R. Colvin. The next owner after Mr. Colvin's death was A. L. Davenport. He died in 1921 and C. T. Bolstad purchased the paper. After Mr. Bolstad's death in 1939, D. C. and Guy DeVany bought the paper. In 1949 W. S. & Lois Gibson became owners. In 1953, Mr. & Mrs. Gibson are the current owners.



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Call for required district application form and send materials to: Cindy Knudsen Administrative Office 17 Prospect Street, Vermillion, SD 57069 1-605-677-7000

Application can also be found on the school district's website at: www.vermillion.k12.sd.us

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