

AREA CALENDAR

December

**Thursday, December 12**  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS'** Allen at Ewing; Randolph at Ponca  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** Allen at Ewing; Andes Central at Colome; Canistota at Marion; Kimball-White Lake vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Armour; Parker at Freeman; Randolph at Ponca  
**GYMNASTICS, GIRLS'** S.F. Roosevelt/S.F. O'Gorman at YHS (6:30 p.m.)  
**WRESTLING, PREP** Canton Quad (Parkston); Lyman Quad (Andes Central); Parker Dual (Parker); Boone Central-Newman Grove at Creighton-Verdigre; Crofton vs. Bon Homme-Scotland at Tyndall; Deuel/Flandreau/Marion-Freeman at Alcester-Hudson; Wagner/Winner vs. Burke-Gregory at Gregory

**Friday, December 13**  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS'** Watertown at YHS (7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Baltic at Gayville-Volin; Bloomfield at Winside; Burke-South Central at Scotland; Canton at Elk Point-Jefferson; Elkhorn Valley at Santee; Emerson-Hubbard at Crofton; Freeman Academy at Alcester-Hudson; Freeman vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Hartington Cedar Catholic at O'Neill; Homer at Allen; Lower Brule at Marty Indian; Marion at Canistota; Neligh-Oakdale at Creighton; Niobrara-Verdigre at Clearwater-Orchard; Tea Area at Dakota Valley; Wausa at Wakefield; Wynot at Osmond  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV** Watertown at YHS (4 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH** Watertown at YHS (5:30 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH** Watertown at YHS (4 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** Baltic at Gayville-Volin; Bloomfield at Winside; Canton at Elk Point-Jefferson; Elkhorn Valley at Santee; Freeman Academy at Alcester-Hudson; Gregory at Avon; Hartington Cedar Catholic at O'Neill; Homer at Allen; Lower Brule at Marty Indian; Madison at Beresford; Neligh-Oakdale at Creighton; Niobrara-Verdigre at Clearwater-Orchard; Parkston at Tea Area; Vermillion at Bon Homme (7:30 p.m., KVTK-AM); Wausa at Wakefield; Wynot at Osmond  
**BOWLING, HS CLUB** Yankton at Dell Rapids; S.F. Roosevelt vs. Vermillion at Yankton  
**SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE** USD at Omaha (6 p.m.)  
**WRESTLING, PREP** YHS/Brandon Valley/Dakota Valley at Vermillion (5:30 p.m.)

**Saturday, December 14**  
**BASKETBALL, MEN'S** Green Bay at USD (7 p.m., KVHT-FM); MMC at Concordia (4 p.m., KYNT-AM)  
**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** MMC at Concordia (2 p.m., KYNT-AM)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS'** Tea Area Classic (Beresford vs. Corsica-Stickney, 4 p.m.; Centerville); Bloomfield at Niobrara-Verdigre; Crofton at Guardian Angels Central Catholic; Dakota Christian at Platte-Geddes; Elk Point-Jefferson at Madison; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Randolph; Marty Indian at Santee; McCook Central-Montrose at Parker; Oldham-Ramona-Rutland at Freeman Academy; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Menno; West Sioux at Alcester-Hudson  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** Tea Area Classic (Beresford vs. Corsica-Stickney, 10 a.m.; Centerville vs. Deubrook Area, noon); Bloomfield at Niobrara-Verdigre; Canistota vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Crofton at Guardian Angels Central Catholic; Dakota Christian at Platte-Geddes; Dakota Valley at Ponca; Elk Point-Jefferson at Madison; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Randolph; Marty Indian at Santee; McCook Central-Montrose at Parker; Oldham-Ramona-Rutland at Freeman Academy; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Menno  
**GYMNASTICS, GIRLS'** Wagner Inv. (Vermillion, Wagner, noon)  
**HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV** Yankton at Rushmore (5 p.m.)  
**HOCKEY, BANTAM** Yankton B at Sioux Falls (DH, 11:45 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.)  
**HOCKEY, PEE WEE** Yankton A at Rushmore (3 p.m.)  
**WRESTLING, PREP** Akron-Westfield Inv. (Creighton-Verdigre, Elk Point-Jefferson, Ponca, 10 a.m.); Gregory Inv. (Andes Central, Bon Homme-Scotland, Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman, 10 a.m.); Howard Inv. (Beresford, Parker, Parkston, Wagner, 10 a.m.); Stanton Inv. (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge); West Point-Beemer Inv. (Crofton, Randolph)

**Sunday, December 15**  
**HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV** Yankton at Rushmore (9:15 a.m.)  
**HOCKEY, BANTAM** Yankton A at S.F. West (3 p.m.)  
**HOCKEY, PEE WEE** Yankton A at Rushmore (7:30 a.m.)

**Monday, December 16**  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS'** Emerson-Hubbard at Hartington; Freeman at Bon Homme; Irene-Wakonda at Canistota; Platte-Geddes at Andes Central; Viborg-Hurley at Scotland  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** Baltic at Parker; Emerson-Hubbard at Hartington; Hanson at Parkston; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Norfolk Catholic  
**GYMNASTICS, GIRLS'** YHS at Wagner (6:30 p.m.)

**Tuesday, December 17**  
**BASKETBALL, MEN'S** Ogallala at MMC (6 p.m., KYNT-AM)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS'** YHS at Huron (7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Avon vs. Corsica-Stickney at Corsica; Centerville at Dell Rapids St. Mary; Colome at Marty Indian; Creighton at Osmond; Crofton at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Dakota Valley at Beresford; Ewing at Niobrara-Verdigre; Gayville-Volin at Wausa; Hartington at Allen; Lennox at Vermillion (KVTK-AM); Parker at Baltic; Ponca at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Parkston; Wynot at Homer  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV** YHS at Huron (4 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH** YHS at Huron (5:30 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH** YHS at Huron (4 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** Huron at YHS (7 p.m., KVHT.com); Avon vs. Corsica-Stickney at Corsica; Bridgewater-Emery vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Centerville at Dell Rapids St. Mary; Colome at Marty Indian; Creighton at Osmond; Dakota Valley at Beresford; Ewing at Niobrara-Verdigre; Gayville-Volin at Wausa; Hartington at Allen; Kimball-White Lake at Platte-Geddes; Ponca at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Scotland at Menno (PN, "White Out Against Cancer" Night); Vermillion at Sioux Falls Christian; Wynot at Homer  
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**WRESTLING, PREP** Alcester-Hudson/Tea Area/Vermillion at Tri-Valley; Beresford/Canton/Elk Point-Jefferson at Dakota Valley; Bon Homme-Scotland/Marion-Freeman at Parker  
**Wednesday, December 18**  
**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** MMC vs. AIB at Wisconsin Dells (3:30 p.m., KYNT-AM)  
**Thursday, December 19**  
**BASKETBALL, MEN'S** USD at Morehead State (6 p.m., KVHT-FM)  
**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** College of St. Mary at USD (7 p.m., KVTK-AM); MMC vs. Clarke at Wisconsin Dells (3:30 p.m., KYNT-AM)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS'** Bloomfield at Randolph; Burke-South Central at Platte-Geddes; Freeman at Canistota; Hanson at Menno; Parker at Alcester-Hudson; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Sanborn Central-Woonsocket at Woonsocket; Wagner at Vermillion (KVTK-AM)  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** YHS at Brandon Valley (7 p.m., KYNT-AM); Avon at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Bloomfield at Randolph; Bon Homme at Scotland; Parker at Alcester-Hudson; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Sanborn Central-Woonsocket at Woonsocket  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV** YHS at Brandon Valley (4 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH** YHS at Brandon Valley (5:30 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH** YHS at Brandon Valley (4 p.m.)  
**WRESTLING, PREP** Andes Central Round Robin (Andes Central, 5 p.m.); Miller-Highmore-Harold Quad at Miller (Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes); Creighton-Verdigre at Wayne

**Friday, December 20**  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS'** YHS at S.F. Washington (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Alcester-Hudson at Gayville-Volin; Andes Central at Mitchell Christian; Canton at Dakota Valley; Centerville at Baltic; Elk Point-Jefferson at Sioux Falls Christian; Irene-Wakonda vs. Viborg-Hurley at Viborg; Parkston at Chamberlain; Plainview at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Ponca at Emerson-Hubbard; Scotland at Bon Homme; Wausa at Wynot  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV** YHS at S.F. Washington (2:30 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH** YHS at S.F. Washington (4 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH** YHS at S.F. Washington (5:30 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** YHS at S.F. Washington (6 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Alcester-Hudson at Gayville-Volin; Andes Central at Mitchell Christian; Canistota at Freeman; Canton at Dakota Valley  
**Saturday, December 21**  
**BASKETBALL, MEN'S** USD at Morehead State (6 p.m., KVHT-FM)  
**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** College of St. Mary at USD (7 p.m., KVTK-AM); MMC vs. Clarke at Wisconsin Dells (3:30 p.m., KYNT-AM)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS'** Bloomfield at Randolph; Burke-South Central at Platte-Geddes; Freeman at Canistota; Hanson at Menno; Parker at Alcester-Hudson; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Sanborn Central-Woonsocket at Woonsocket; Wagner at Vermillion (KVTK-AM)  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** YHS at Brandon Valley (7 p.m., KYNT-AM); Avon at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Bloomfield at Randolph; Bon Homme at Scotland; Parker at Alcester-Hudson; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Sanborn Central-Woonsocket at Woonsocket  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV** YHS at Brandon Valley (4 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH** YHS at Brandon Valley (5:30 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH** YHS at Brandon Valley (4 p.m.)  
**WRESTLING, PREP** Andes Central Round Robin (Andes Central, 5 p.m.); Miller-Highmore-Harold Quad at Miller (Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes); Creighton-Verdigre at Wayne

**Sunday, December 22**  
**HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV** Yankton at Rushmore (9:15 a.m.)  
**HOCKEY, BANTAM** Yankton A at S.F. West (3 p.m.)  
**HOCKEY, PEE WEE** Yankton A at Rushmore (7:30 a.m.)

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Yankton native Ketty Paula, center, listens in during a South Dakota School of Mines timeout during a Dec. 7 game against the University of South Dakota at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City.

# Former Gazelle, Jackrabbit Adjusting To Life On The Bench

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RAPID CITY — If it looked as though Ketty Paula was chomping at the bit to take the court and defend her former rivals, it's because she was.

Those days are gone for the Yankton native and former basketball standout at South Dakota State.

Now an assistant women's basketball coach at South Dakota School of Mines under head coach Ryan Larsen, Paula — formerly Cornemann — is relegated to teaching players from the bench.

"If we could, we both would have jumped out on the court and defended them the way we wanted our girls to," Paula said after Saturday's 81-49 loss to the University of South Dakota at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City. Paula, who played at SDSU from 2006-10, was hired by Larsen — a former USD assistant — in August. The duo was faced with the prospect of playing the Coyotes in Rapid City, when the Division I school moved a home doubleheader.

As such, both coaches had their own personal connections to the game.

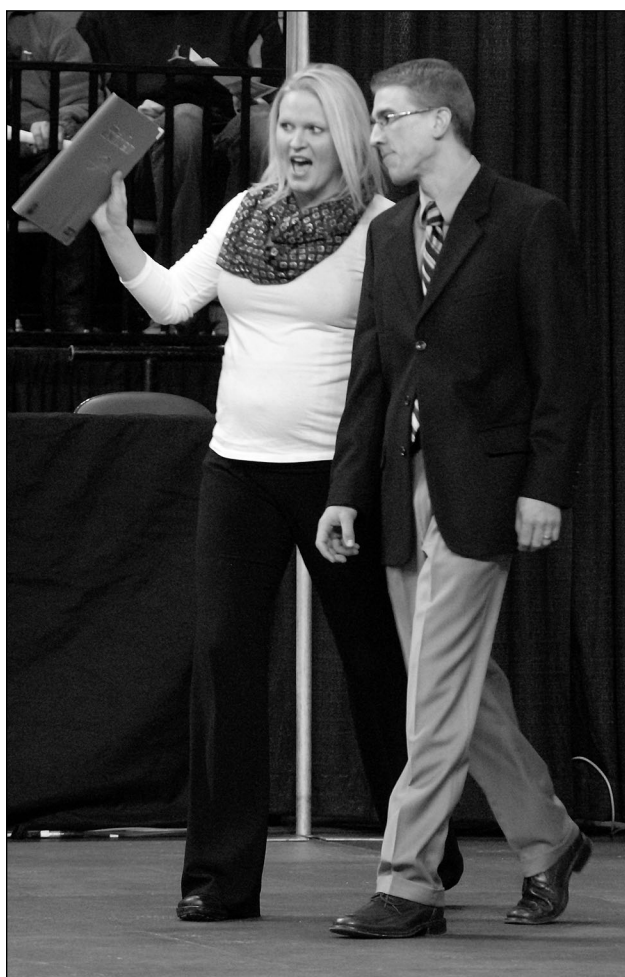
"I was actually really excited to see them on the schedule, because I knew it would be a neat opportunity for our girls," Paula said. "It's just exciting to see Coyotes on the other side. I love competing against them."

Added Larsen, when hearing Paula talk about the Coyotes, "She's never lost to USD, until tonight."

"Not in basketball, no," quipped a smiling Paula.

That's the kind of relationship the two coaches have, she said: Ultra competitive with a mutual enjoyment of spending so much time together.

"I owe coach Larsen a big



Yankton native Ketty Paula, left, talks with South Dakota Mines head coach Ryan Larsen before their Dec. 7 game against the University of South Dakota in Rapid City. Paula, a former standout at South Dakota State, is in her first season as an assistant coach with the NCAA Division II Lady Hardrockers.

compliment, because he took a risk on me, having no coaching experience," Paula said.

"And I really appreciate how much responsibility he gives me and how much he trusts my suggestions. I've learned a ton from him in a short couple months."

Still, there was a big difference between taking instruction and instructing, Paula added.

"I had hesitations, definitely, thinking I wasn't qualified enough," she said. "And Ryan quickly made sure I understood I was ready to

coach in college.

"That I had a lot to offer these girls and this program."

Not only Paula helped the Jackrabbits reach the WNIT and NCAA tournaments during her college career, she previously served as a volunteer coach at Mines during the 2011-12 season.

And before taking the job at Mines, Paula was a teacher and assistant girls' basketball coach at Rapid City Stevens.

But when it came time to really get involved in day-to-day operations of a college program, Paula admitted that, yes, there were adjustments from what she was used to at the D-1 level at SDSU.

"Even just from an athletic program standpoint, we came from two very organized and developed programs," she said. "You had to

get used to a whole new program and used to a brand new team.

"I think we've both adjusted pretty well."

On a personal level, Paula is nearing another major adjustment.

She and her husband, Jordan, are expecting a baby next March. Paula said she was hesitant in taking the Mines job because she would miss the final stretch of the season — she will not travel for the final three road trips.

Again, she complimented Larsen, saying, "He said we would make it work, which was a relief to hear, obviously."

Making it work on the court, though, has proven to be a study in patience for both coaches. The Lady Hardrockers are 3-7 after Saturday's loss to USD.

"Our problem right now is we kind of take a step forward and two steps back," Larsen said. "That's frustrating from a coaching standpoint, because you see them do things right and then you have a total breakdown."

"That's where the whole 'patience is a virtue' thing comes into play, he added.

"We're getting better, just not nearly as fast as we'd like to see."

Such is life for a team that is rather young. Mines boasts seven freshmen, five sophomores, three juniors and one senior on its 2013-14 roster.

"We've said this a ton this season, but basically they're all freshmen because they're all new to our program," Paula said. "New to what Ryan and I are trying to develop."

In time, with development of the current players and recruiting, the Lady Hardrockers should turn a corner, Paula added.

"We just need more time. More practice, more individual stuff to mold them into what we want," she said. "They have potential; all of them, but we just need more time."

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## Lancers

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gives them an opportunity to prove themselves."

Schlingen also said he knows the setback will be beneficial in the future.

"Down the road it's probably going to help us, but right now we're probably not quite as solid," he said.

Ultimately, Schlingen said

he hopes to pick up some wins in the near future and stay at the .500 mark.

"We just know that our conference is so good, and we know our schedule is really good," he said. "We've been practicing really hard — sometimes maybe too long — but it's something we feel we have to do to keep our heads above water."

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**ANDES CENTRAL EAGLES**

**Boys' Basketball**

Dec. 16	vs. Platte-Geddes	Jan. 23	vs. Avon
Dec. 20	at Mitchell Christian	Jan. 27	at Wessington Springs
Dec. 23	vs. Freeman Academy	Jan. 30	at Bon Homme
Dec. 30	at Menno	Feb. 3	at Dakota Christian
Jan. 4	at Tripp-Delmont-Armour (A)	Feb. 6	vs. Wagner
Jan. 13	vs. Gregory	Feb. 10	vs. Marty Indian
Jan. 17	at Scotland	Feb. 13-15	at Burke-South Central
Jan. 20	vs. Parkston		(Bonesteel)
Jan. 21	vs. Colome	Feb. 20	vs. Kimball-WL (Mitchell)

**Girls' Basketball**

Dec. 10	vs. Gregory	Jan. 23	vs. Avon
Dec. 12	at Colome	Jan. 27	at Wessington Springs
Dec. 20	at Mitchell Christian	Jan. 30	at Bon Homme
Dec. 23	vs. Freeman Academy	Feb. 3	at Dakota Christian
Jan. 4	at Tripp-Delmont-Armour (A)	Feb. 6	vs. Wagner
Jan. 7	at Marty Indian	Feb. 11	vs. Corsica-Stickney
Jan. 9	at Burke-S Cent. (Bonesteel)	Feb. 13-15	Dakota Plains Inv. (Marty)
Jan. 16	at Platte-Geddes	Feb. 18	vs. Parkston
Jan. 17	at Scotland	Feb. 20	at Menno

**Wrestling**

Dec. 7	Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes Tour	Kimball
Dec. 12	Lyman Quad	Lyman
Dec. 14	Burke-Gregory Inv.	Gregory
Dec. 19	Andes Central Round Robin	Lake Andes
Dec. 21	Titan Inv.	Plankinton
Jan. 7	Winner Tri.	Winner
Jan. 11	Miller-Highmore-Harold Inv.	Miller
Jan. 18	Tri-Valley Tour	Colton
Jan. 25	Winner Tour	Winner
Feb. 1	Parker Tour	Parker
Feb. 6	MVPC/KWLP/Lyman Quad	Lyman
Feb. 14	McCook Central-Montrose Quad	Salem

**IRENE-WAKONDA EAGLES**

**Boys' Basketball**

Dec. 16	at Canistota	Jan. 21	at Scotland
Dec. 20	at Viborg-Hurley (V)	Jan. 23	at Parker
Dec. 27	at Bon Homme	Jan. 28	vs. Marion (I)
Jan. 3	at Beresford	Jan. 30	vs. Freeman Academy (I)
Jan. 4	vs. Avon (Sioux Falls)	Feb. 7	at Baltic
Jan. 7	vs. Menno (I)	Feb. 11	at Wynot, Neb.
Jan. 10	vs. Gayville-Volin (I)	Feb. 14	vs. Canton (W)
Jan. 14	vs. Alcester-Hudson (W)	Feb. 17	vs. Freeman (W)
Jan. 16	vs. Centerville (W)	Feb. 20	vs. Bridgewater-Emery (W)
Jan. 18	Tri-Valley Classic (Alcester)		Parents Night

Home Games — I=Irene; W=Wakonda

**Girls' Basketball**

Dec. 10	vs. Bridgewater-Emery (I)	Jan. 21	at Scotland
Dec. 20	at Viborg-Hurley (V)	Jan. 28	vs. Marion (I)
Dec. 21	vs. Avon (Sioux Falls)	Jan. 30	vs. Freeman Academy (I)
Dec. 27	at Bon Homme	Feb. 1	Tri-Valley Classic (Alcester)
Jan. 3	at Beresford	Feb. 3	at Canistota
Jan. 6	vs. Freeman (W)	Feb. 7	at Baltic
Jan. 7	vs. Menno (I)	Feb. 10	vs. Alcester-Hudson (I)
Jan. 10	vs. Gayville-Volin (I)	Feb. 11	at Wynot, Neb.
Jan. 13	vs. Parker (W)	Feb. 14	vs. Canton (W)
Jan. 16	vs. Centerville (W)		