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# **Gayville Community Garden Blooms**

## Mini-Grant Sows The Seeds For Popular Gardening Project

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GAYVILLE — There are high hopes that it will be a productive growing season at the Gayville Community Garden.

"We want to give some, we want to sell some and we want to use some," said volunteer Larry Buffington.

The garden came about three years ago through a \$500 mini-grant the Gayville-Volin School received as part of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, and is located between the school's parking lot and the Gayville Memorial.

It's a convenient location, Buffington said.

"It's by our (school) shop, so it had access to water and a place to sort tools," he said. "It's also a piece of ground that was really undeveloped. The school wasn't doing anything with it."

The site is also the location of the original Gayville-Volin School, signs of which pop up

"As we go, we harvest the crops, but we're also picking up bricks from the school," Buffington said. "Some of those old bricks are still down there, and they're coming up out of the ground. When you do some tilling you can bring up an old

"The first time we did this, we got almost a pickup load of bricks out of here," he said.

The garden is not made up of individual plots, but of a single planting area anyone from the community is invited to help maintain. Some of the crops are planted in early to mid-April, and some at the conclusion of the school year.

"We kind of shoot for April,

on the last day of school, as part of our field day, we plant the later crops.'

They are harvested "whenever they're ready," he added. "We're really starting to get a lot of community involvement now," Buffington said. "Anybody is free, when it comes time to harvest, to come pick things out of there. We just ask that if you come to harvest some stuff, we hope that you pull a few weeds,

There have been few problems with the honor system in the past, he said.

"Î've really been impressed and pleased, and even a little bit surprised, that there hasn't been a lot of vandalism," he said.

Buffington thanked the volunteers who have assisted in the first round of planting, including Dale Bye and Brian Emmick, who have both tilled the ground; and Greg and Tara Pirak, who have donated corn. David Rabe has also assisted at this stage

Over the summer, students from the Summer Enrichment Program will help in maintaining the grounds.

"They'll help weed the garden and get some education as to what plants are which and what fruits and vegetables they'll bear," Buffington said.

At the end of the growing season, the gardeners want to hold a farmer's market in the school's parking lot, hopefully on Back to School Night.

But Gayville isn't the only community with a green thumb — an additional grant has been secured that will help Volin establish a similar garden, which will be located across the street from the city park.

"The property owner had on or near Earth Day," Buffin- told us that we could put a gargton said. "The kids are avail- den in there, and they are ready able for that, and that's an to break ground as soon as we awareness day for them. Then get over there and have some-



Members of Mrs. Schoenfelder's second grade class are shown doing some planting in the Gayville community garden on the last day of school recently. The garden has proven to be a popular community project. Below, a student "samples" some of the produce from last year's garden.

body that can do it," said vol-

unteer Barbara Egbert. She said the garden will run using the same system as

Gayville's. Buffington said he hopes the Gayville Community Garden will expand in the future.

"We eventually want to build a garden tool shed, maybe something with a little greenhouse on it," he said. Although there are only a

few sprouts in the garden at present, Buffington said everyone is looking forward to when the plants are at their fullest. When the corn is up and

the crops are in behind that memorial, it's kind of neat," he said.

ing in the community garden is encouraged to first inform the tellers Gayville's CorTrust



#### **SCHOLASTICS**

#### **GAYVILLE-VOLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL**

**Perfect Attendance** (no tardies or absences) High School — Cameron

• Middle School — Danielle Dangel, Hannah Rolfs, Kaley

#### **High Academic Honor Roll**

(3.60/above semester GPA) • High School — Brittany Anderson, Taylor Anderson, Adam Brewer, Luke Buffington, Cameron Coke, Donald Crump, Parker Erickson, Bailey Gullikson, Johnathan Guy, Julia Haack, Natalie Harkness, Stacy Hirsch, Nicholas Huber, Trevor Huber, William Larsen, Dillon Logue, Alison Petrik, Jamie Richter

• Middle School — Zachary Anderson, Alec Barta, Kelia Barta, Caitlyn Brewer, Matthew Buckman, Genevieve Clark, Danielle Dangel, Alexis Ellison, Nicole Guy, Rachel Haas, Jammie Hoffman, Viola Ishmael, Hannah Rolfs, Lisa Rolfs, Rochelle Smith, Brandon VanOsdel

#### **Academic Honor Roll** (3.00 - 3.59 semester GPA)

• High School — Kelsey Anderson, Michael Blassl, Kaleb Christopherson, Austen Doty, Ross Goeden, Ian Hargan, Jared Hjelm, Brittney Huber, Samantha Kasuske, Tyler Kasuske, Kyle Kocmick, Brandon Lee, Meghan Rice, Trever Taggart, Brittany Ziegler

 Middle School — Tyler Adams, Dylan Andal, Jacob Anderson, Stephen Bergeson, Adisson Bertrand, Shandra Hanson, Keisha Henson, James Hoffman, DaNeila Jensen, Steven Kemp, Cassandra Lee, Justin Logue, Miranda Mellegaard, Morga Nielson, Rachel Pokorney, Vanessa Ryken, Alex Taggart, Kaley Ulmer

### **South Dakota highways** fatality-free over holiday

For the second time in three years, South Dakota appears to have gone through the Memorial Day holiday without a highway fatality.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol and State Office of Highway Safety said Tuesday they had not received any reports of fatalities on state roads during the Memorial Day reporting period. The official roadway fatality reporting period began at 6 p.m. on Friday and ended at 11:59 p.m. on Monday.

The state had a fatality-free Memorial Day in 2008, but last year three people died and 60 others were injured during the holiday weekend.

"We said before the weekend started that safe travel required everyone's help," said Lee Axdahl, director of the Office of Highway Safety. "It appears that motorists followed safe-travel practices, and we really appreciate that people took responsibility for making the holiday a safe one for themselves, their families

State Highway Patrol officials say motorists greatly increase their chances to travel safely when they use seatbelts, observe speed limits, avoid distractions such as cell phones and never drink and

and their fellow travelers."

# Hermanson art show, reception at Gayville

A reception for the Vermillion artist Karl Hermanson will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, at 502 Washington St. in Gayville, where an exhibit of his paintings continues at the Gayville Hall gallery through July.

Hermanson, age 47, is completing an MFA in theatre at the University of South Dakota, where he designed last season's production of "Peter Pan."

Born in North Africa, the son of an American air force chaplain stationed in Libya, Hermanson began drawing from early childhood while growing up around air force bases near Denver; Madrid, Spain; Durham, NC; and San Antonio, where he graduated from Olivier Wendell Holmes High School and was recognized for his art. He earned a B.A. degree in fine art from Dana College.

In 1993, Hermanson started painting images inspired by

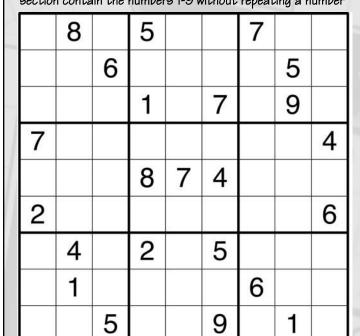
old black-and-white or color amateur family photographs from his own or earlier generations of his family and from old, found photographs whose subjects were unknown. The Gayville exhibit features paintings of this kind.

Hermanson has enjoyed a long career as a scenic artist in theatres across the country, including the Omaha Community Playhouse, the Baltimore Center Stage, the Berkshire Theatre Festival in Massachusetts, the Dartmouth Summer Theatre in New Hampshire, the New Mexico Repertory Theatre in Santa Fe, and the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, among oth-

The reception and exhibit are free of charge. The gallery is open two hours prior two Gayville Hall concerts and by appointment. Call 605-267-2859.

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#### **Fundraiser Public Auction** For Komstad Convenant Church "Building Faith In Fellowship" Saturday, June 5th - 10am

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**Harlan Knutson – Auctioneer** All proceeds go toward finishing our fellowship hall.

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URNITURE: microwave cart; futon; Lazyboy recliner; cots w/mattresses; formica tables & chair nomas Kinkade 40"x36" 2nd edition "End of a Perfect Day" bistro table w/4 stools; wood and anvas folding chairs; numerous other furniture items.

XERCISE/EQUIPMENT: 3 wheel bicycle; weight set; treadmill; exercise bike; older elliptic machine; 5 bicycles; golf clubs w/2 boxes golf balls; bike trailer/jogger; swing set w/slide. FARM/EQUIPMENT: newer Craftsman riding lawn mower w/tiller attachment; 1982 GMC 3 ain truck; John Deere - BWA 21 ft. disc; new-6 horsepower gas powered air compres allon twin tanks; new 6 horsepower gas powered trash pump; new 11 horsepower 8400 wat as generator; sump pump; tool sets; ATV mounted sprayer tank; weedeaters.

NIMALS: 5 Holstein baby bull calves. CONSTRUCTION: laminated beams - 1-14"x24'. 1-14"x14' 8 ft. fiberglass column: other struction items; truckload of gravel, delivered (10 cu. Yards within 20 miles radius of church). WISCELLANEOUS: 5 string banjo in excellent condition w/hard shell case; 2009 Palm Pilot; far achine; printer; electric keyboard; Honeywell electric radiant heater; jewelry box; beveled irror; numerous pictures; spoon collection and spoon racks; sheet sets; towel sets; Christma ecorations; books; metal gas cans; dishes; table lamps; electric knife sharpeners; picni sket; various knick knacks