

One in a *Ver* Million Meet Ingrid Senne

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It was nearly a decade ago when Ingrid Senne received her diploma from Vermillion High School.

If you asked her back then what she'd be doing in 10 years, it's unlikely that she'd reply that she had plans to teach Spanish. In Panama. In her very own school.

"I could never have imagined that," Ingrid, 27, the daughter of Lana Svien of Vermillion and Ron Senne of Rapid City said during a phone conversation from her home in Pedasi, Panama.

Ingrid continued her studies after her 2003 graduation from VHS at the University of California - Santa Cruz, where she majored in Spanish and Portuguese linguistics.

After those studies were complete, she joined her then-boyfriend, now husband, Roy Caduri, in Panama.

"We did long distance, back and forth for awhile, and then I just ended up moving down to Panama, and I had no idea what I'd be doing here," she said. "But, I did have a degree in Spanish, and as it turns out, there are a lot of foreigners who move here who don't speak Spanish."

"There was a niche market for Spanish classes,

and that's how I got into it," Ingrid said.

At first, Ingrid would simply visit the homes of her students to offer them lessons in Spanish.

"But I just really got tired of walking around with a bag full of books to people's houses, so I decided to just open a school," she said.

Ingrid is the owner and operator of the Buena Vida Language School, touted as Pedasi's premier Spanish language school. It opened in August 2011.

"We have three teachers working here, and students from all over the world, really - Canadians, Americans, Israelis, Italians, just to name a few, and we do have English classes now for the local Panamanians," she said.

The Buena Vida Language School is currently located in a small building in Pedasi that Ingrid leases. On average, the enrollment maintains at approximately 30 students.

"A goal of mine is to eventually build our school and build a nice facility that is designed for a language school," Ingrid said. "Right now, we work in a house that we've converted - we've converted the rooms into classrooms, and social areas, but it would be nice to one day build and have a

specially-designed school."

Ingrid's journey in Spanish education began when she was a student at Vermillion High School. "When I completed all of the classes that were available at VHS, I did go my junior and senior years to USD and took some classes there. I was lucky to have that opportunity," she said.

She continued that line of study at the University of California - Santa Cruz.

"It (the Spanish language) always just came naturally for me, it always came very easily for me, and it was always something that I really, really enjoyed," Ingrid said. "Most of all, I really like to help people communicate. I enjoy it when two cultures are able to communicate because of the help of a bilingual person."

"It's a people thing - it's helping people to bridge gaps culturally that I really enjoy about this work," she said.

Ingrid never loses sight of the unique circumstances that have fully immersed in a career that she loves.

"It is pretty much happenstance. I got really lucky to have this opportunity and to be able to work at something that I truly enjoy," she said. "I feel fortunate."



Ingrid Senne, a 2003 graduate of Vermillion High School, stands in front of the Buena Vida Language School in Pedasi, Panama. She is its the owner and operator. (Photo courtesy of Ingrid Senne)

FOR THE RECORD

Cases Disposed 05/18-24/2012

Warren G. Miller, 461 South Street, Centerville; Driving with revoked (not suspended) license, \$300.00 plus costs; Open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle, dismissed

Nancy Jean Andresen, 310 Idaho, Wakonda; County speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Scott Francis Dohmen, 17878 Haralson Dr., Eden Prairie, MN; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Deborah A. Iverson, 202 N. Douglas Street Apt. #9, Elk Point; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Kayli Kronstedt, 530 Elm #53, Vermillion; Open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle, \$54.00 plus costs

Keith Allen Koletzky, 2401 S. Theodore Ave., Sioux Falls; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Sidney Kornazl, 409 Jefferson St., Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Tracie Jorgenson, 1114 W.

Sunset Dr., Sioux Falls; Municipal speeding, \$56.00 plus costs

John Lowell Johnson, 31884 470th Ave., Burbank; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Austin Rivers Campbell, 1411 Pleasantview, Wichita, KS; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$39.00 plus costs

Ethan Cleaver, 1510 Lewis Street, Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$154.00 plus costs; Illegal U-turn, \$54.00 plus costs

Rian Patrick Merrigan, 1018 Rice Street, Vermillion; County speeding, \$70.00 plus costs

Kalie Anna Cox, 214 Bower #303, Vermillion; Entering property-after notice, \$54.00 plus costs

Jonathon Hart, 1020 W. Norway #311, Mitchell; Entering property-after notice, \$54.00 plus costs

William Hansen, 2201 State St., Centerville; Speeding on state highway, \$39.00 plus costs

Michael Thomas Olsen, 1103 E. S.D. Highway 50,

Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Harold D. Russman, 5527 Andrea Ave., Sioux Falls; Speeding on state highway, \$39.00 plus costs

Kyle Thomas Shanker, 604 Olive, Vermillion; Municipal speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Dylan James Wingo, Madison St., Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

David Paul Sorum, 4705 E. Clark St. 31, Sioux Falls; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$204.00 plus costs

David Paul Sorum, 4705 E. Clark St. 31, Sioux Falls; Operator assure passengers 5-18 wear seat belts, \$25.00

Abul K. Shaifullah, 325 Prentis Ave., Vermillion; Municipal speeding, \$54.00 plus costs

Kelsey Marie Sullivan, 308 Carr St., Vermillion; Entering property-after notice, \$54.00 plus costs

Tyson Curtis Gau, 621 6th St., Alexandria; Entering property-after notice, \$54.00

plus costs

Erica Lynn Robish, 1127 Lawridge SE, Huron; Entering property-after notice, \$54.00 plus costs

Tate Aaron Teveldal, 1127 Lawridge SE, Huron, Entering property-after notice, \$54.00 plus costs

Sutton Ray Barcelou, 416 Ash Street, Merville, IA; Expired annual inspection, \$104.00 plus costs

Nicole Skovly, 1317 W. 30th #1, Yankton; Speeding on state highway, \$39.00 plus costs

Sadie Hansen, 922 W. 3rd St., Yankton; Speeding on state highway, \$59.00 plus costs

Kristine Kay McLeod, 1201 W. 4th St., Sioux City, IA; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs

Wade Florian Loosbrock, 114 W. Duke St. #107, Vermillion; Violation stopped vehicle with red/amber/yellow signals/lights, dismissed

Stuart J. Thury, 3212 N.

Fiero Pl., Sioux Falls; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Eric Campbell, 408 S. Yale St., Vermillion; Failure to yield to traffic at yield sign, \$54.00 plus costs

Amy S. Kneeland, 1215 Madison Street #104, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Amy S. Kneeland, 1215 Madison Street #104, Vermillion; Fail to use child passenger restraint system, \$25.00

Jon Jordan Gau, 1020 W. Norway Ave. #211, Mitchell; Entering property-after notice, \$54.00 plus costs

Jason T. Morrow, 311 Horseshoe, Brookings; Speeding on state highway, \$59.00 plus costs

Justin Johnson, 411 Stanford Street #15, Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Tessa Tigert, 2711 Falcon St., Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Ronald Gene Madsen, 30944 Bluff Rd., Volin; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Beth A. Namminga, 40879 305th Street, Avon; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Matthew Christian Mellegaard, 203 W. 2nd Street, Mission Hill; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

David Eric Nygaard, 809 W. Clark Street, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Teresa F. Nygaard, 809 W. Clark Street, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

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