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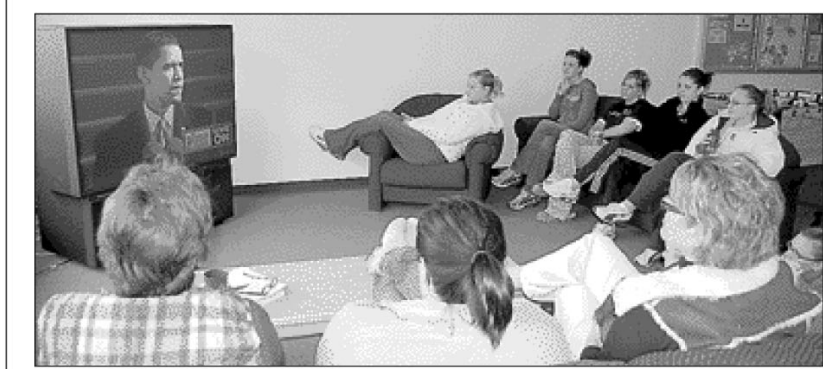


TOMORROW

CONNECTED: Local Tourism Reaches Out.



President Barack Obama takes the oath as the 44th U.S. President with his wife, Michelle, by his side at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., Tuesday. More than a million people crammed into the Washington Mall Tuesday to witness the history-making inauguration.



Mount Marty College students gathered around a television in Whitty Hall Tuesday to watch the inauguration of Barack Obama as the nation's 44th president.

Locals Watch New Era Begin

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF AND SHAUNA MARLETTE. For area residents, yesterday's inauguration of President Barack Obama presented a history lesson not found in textbooks. At the Gayville-Volin elementary school, Ronette Karstens gave her third-grade social studies class some background before turning on the television to watch the swearing-in ceremony.

Before a jubilant crowd of more than a million, Barack Hussein Obama claimed his place in history as America's first black president,

summoning a dispirited nation to unite in hope against the "gathering clouds and raging storms" of war and economic woe. On an extraordinary day in the life of America, people of all colors and ages waited for hours Tuesday in frigid temperatures to witness a young black man with a foreign-sounding name take command of a nation founded by slaveholders. It was a scene watched in fascination by many millions — perhaps billions — around the world.

City, Yankton County Permit Valuations Down In 2008

BY NATHAN JOHNSON. The estimated value of building permits issued by Yankton County and the City of Yankton decreased in 2008. The estimated value of Yankton County building permits dropped 28 percent to \$13.7 million last year. Meanwhile, the city numbers were down slightly from \$21.1 million in 2007 to \$20.1 million in 2008.

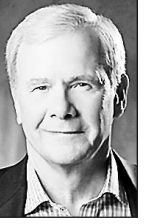


Tom Brokaw, circa 1970s.

Brokaw: People Always Greatest Attraction For Yankton

BY TOM BROKAW For the Press & Dakotan

Although Meredith and I've been gone from Yankton for almost a half century our friends in New York and other worldly places never let us forget our roots. When the floods hit this spring my email lit up with messages. "Is everything OK in Yankton?" they wanted to know.



Brokaw

I assured them Yankton has been through worse and will survive this as well. On those occasions and many others I am reminded of how much the Mother City has meant as a kind of cornerstone in our lives. Well before the Brokaws moved to Yankton in 1955 we had an attachment to it as our shopping, medical and sports destination.

My dad, Red, bought my first bicycle at a hardware store on Third street. We thought the annual appearance of the Shrine Circus at Nash Gym was the local equivalent of opening night at the Metropolitan Opera. The Junior High Relays were rites of spring and Riverside Park was the first baseball field I saw with a grass infield.

Red drove the school bus to Yankton so the Pickstown team could see the "B" regionals at Nash Gym, which I remember as a loud, smoky space with a much larger floor than the postage stamp gyms in Avon, Armour or Platte where we played so many games.

When we settled in Yankton for the beginning of my sophomore year there were more students in study hall than had been enrolled in all of Pickstown High School and I was momentarily anxious I may get lost in the crowd.

But the community was so welcoming and helpful all the Brokaws quickly knew this would be "home" after many moves around the state.

When I return now and drive down Third I can see in my mind's eye the bustle of Saturday, shopping days, when everyone came to town to buy something or just look. I clerked at Hanny's Men's Wear and we were well aware that if we didn't make the sale the customer had three other men's stores to choose from.

I started summer mornings with a freshly baked Danish from Logsdon's Bakery and finished many a summer night with a cold one at O'Malley's after my stint as a KYNT disc jockey.

Kip's Blue Moon, the Tastee Freeze corn dogs, K's Potato Chips, a late cup of coffee and a burger at the Presto, save up for a steak at Happy Jack's or the Black Steer. I've had five star meals all over the world and my palate can still recall the Yankton offerings.

Mother and Dad never had a better time than a Saturday night at the Elk's with other couples from the white collar and blue collar community, a highball or two, dancing and a late supper.

As I remind my friends, Yankton has a rich western history as an important stop for Lewis and Clark, the establishment of Yankton College and Sacred Heart as a school, convent and hospital.

However, the great attraction of Yankton has always been the people who chose to make it their home and to call it that even after they left. There are too many of singular accomplishment to list them all but I am sure they agree that it was the community's commitment to education, a common pride in accomplishment and an investment in the future that gave them the confidence to take their place in a wider world.



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