

The FLASH Use Of iPads Reshapes Fremont Classes

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FREMONT, Neb. — Their fingers at the ready, Bell Field math students eagerly waited for the next question to be projected on a screen at the front of the room.

Within seconds of appearing, all 24 fourth-grade students responded to the problem on an iPad, had it "graded" and received additional instruction from their teacher to reinforce the material they were studying.

The class, co-taught by Julie Muller and Shanna Zordell, is one of the first classes in the new school year to integrate iPad technology and classroom curriculum, but with the rolling out of the district's large-scale technology initiative, similar scenes will be commonplace in the coming weeks, the *Fremont Tribune* reported.

That initiative involves putting 720 iPads in the hands of kindergarten through sixth-grade students in classrooms throughout the district.

The technology initiative began about a year ago when Fremont Public Schools made plans to purchase 360 iPads for Johnson Crossing Academic Center. The Fremont Public School Foundation then launched its iGive for iPads campaign to raise funds for an additional 360 iPads to be used at elementary buildings throughout the district.

The campaign got off to successful start with a \$50,000 donation from the Fremont Area Community Foundation, and a \$27,500 donation from First State Bank and Trust. By February the founda-

tion announced it had met its goal, and raised more than \$250,000.

While the campaign was still ongoing, the district began training teachers on how to use iPads in the classroom, and asked for input as to what applications might align with curriculum.

Darin Kelberlau, executive director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, said the district upgraded its wireless network from a coverage model to more of a saturation model in preparation of more students using the devices. Additionally, he said the district is using a device management system that will ensure consistent settings on the iPads based on grade levels and building needs, and allow approved applications to be installed and managed remotely.

"For example we could turn off game center, or in-app purchases, so we don't have someone going in and doing in-app purchases and we get the bill from Apple," Kelberlau said. "This will allow us to do that remotely and not have to go physically touch everything."

"I don't think there's a better device out there that allows for creativity and individualized learning, whether you're well above grade-level or well below - or right on grade-level," he added. "Obviously we want to focus on literacy and math, but we also acknowledge creativity and problem solving can be fostered through iPads."

Kelberlau said the iPad initiative will help move the district forward as it continues to implement and upgrade its use of technology to enhance curriculum.

"I was really humbled by all the community support and just how fast the

leadership team from the foundation moved it forward," he said. "It's going to be so good for our kids, especially the ones who wouldn't have technology access at home. This will provide them with some great tech skills and help level the playing field within the district."

David Pinkall, executive director of the Fremont Public School Foundation, said the foundation's mission is to support the district and ensure it keeps pace with other districts.

"This is what we do, we try to do things that are going to support our system and make it better," he said. "The whole arena of technology is a difficult one for our school system to keep up on. This is a great thing that the foundation can do to help keep us up with those other districts that we are compared to. We want our kids to have advantages they have."

Pinkall said although the fundraising campaign is complete, the foundation will continue to work with the district to improve technology.

"We see ourselves doing this again because there are always things out there that can be done to make our schools stronger," he said. "It was a terrific showing by the community to support this."

"It was a good demonstration of the fact that people in Fremont value their schools and want them to be good, and understand that a community really can't be much better than what their schools are," Pinkall added. "Inside every great community there's a good school system, and we want our community to be great, so we want the schools to be great."

Oglala Sioux Leader One Feather Dies

OSGALA (AP) — Gerald One Feather, the legendary Oglala Sioux leader and former tribal president, has died at 76.

Longtime friend Tom Katus says One Feather died Thursday at a Rapid City hospital. Katus said One Feather had a massive stroke while on dialysis in Pine Ridge before being taken to the hospital.

One Feather was born in 1938 and later elected Oglala Lakota Tribal President in 1970, making him the youngest to hold that position in tribal history.

One Feather enrolled at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell in 1956. That fall, he was one of the drivers who took Democrat George McGovern around the state during his run for Congress.

One Feather was an advocate for education, helping start the Oglala Lakota College and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

Man In Prison For Killing Gets Hearing

LEXINGTON, Neb. (AP) — A man serving a life sentence for killing a Gothenberg police officer in 1990 hopes a Dawson County District Court Judge will adjust his sentence and offer him a way out of prison.

Eric McCain had a hearing Friday on his motion to change his sentence, KHAS-TV reported. The 41-year-old McCain is appealing because of a 2012 US Supreme Court ruling that declared mandatory life-without-parole sentences for juvenile killers are unconstitutional.

Nebraska lawmakers passed a law last year that ended mandatory life sentences for juveniles who commit first-degree murder. The guidelines now call for a sentence of 40 years to life for juveniles.

McCain was 17 when Police Sgt. Glenn Haas was shot on July 2, 1990, at the police station in Gothenburg. Haas died later at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

McCain initially pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, but later pleaded guilty in a deal with prosecutors to drop a weapons charge. McCain was later convicted of first-degree murder.

McCain argues that he is eligible to be considered for parole because he has served more than half the 40-year minimum established by Nebraska's new juvenile sentencing law.

In February, the Nebraska Supreme Court ordered new sentences for three other men who had been sentenced to life without parole when they were teenagers. The state Supreme Court said that the nation's highest court determined that teenagers cannot be locked up for life without the chance of parole with its 2012 ruling.

Man Dies In Two-Vehicle Crash Near RC

RAPID CITY (AP) — A 91-year-old man is dead following a two-vehicle crash on South Dakota Highway 44 in Pennington County.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says Roman Kurylas of Rapid City died Saturday.

The Patrol says Kurylas was behind the wheel of a sports utility vehicle heading east on S.D. Highway 44 when he crossed the center line and entered the westbound lanes of traffic. Kurylas then crashed into the driver's side of a pickup truck pulling a trailer loaded with pea gravel.

Authorities say Kurylas wasn't wearing a seatbelt and died from injuries sustained in the crash.

The pickup was being driven by 44-year-old Donald Burkhard. The Rapid City man was traveling with a juvenile. Neither Burkhard nor his passenger was injured. Both were wearing seatbelts.

The Patrol is investigating the crash.

Missing Inmate In Pierre Being Sought

PIERRE (AP) — Law enforcement authorities in Pierre are searching for a missing inmate who failed to report to a work release job site Saturday.

The South Dakota Department of Corrections says 31-year-old Bridget Franzen is serving a 5-year sentence for possession of a controlled substance out of Pennington County.

Franzen is described as a white woman, standing 5 foot 7 inches tall and weighing about 180 pounds. She has brown hair and blue eyes.

Anyone with information about Franzen's whereabouts is asked to contact law enforcement immediately.

Ellsworth Issues Boil Order For Base

PIEDMONT (AP) — Officials at the Ellsworth Air Force Base say residents and nearby communities should not drink or use the local water for several days unless it's first boiled.

Officials have issued a boil water order for the base, the Antelope Ridge housing community and Vandenberg Elementary. KELO-TV report that an on-base water sample exceeded the E. Coli standard. The bacteria can make a person sick, especially those with weakened immune systems.

Water should not be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes or food preparation until further notice. Water should be brought to a boil for at least one minute and allowed to cool before using.

Base officials will be closing down some housing in Prairie View Estates to fix the issue as soon as possible.

OBITUARIES

Veronica Lillie

Veronica C. Lillie, age 99, of Yankton, SD, passed away Friday, August 22, 2014, at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.



Lillie

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Robert Wullweber officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Monday, August 25, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Veronica was born October 7, 1914 at West Point, NE to William and Justina (Struif) Goeken. The family moved to Petersburg, NE and then to Crofton, where she attended country school and St. Rose of Lima Catholic School in Crofton, NE.

On September 29, 1937 she married Gerald Lewis Lillie at St. Rose of Lima Church, Crofton, NE. They farmed near Burbank, Clay County SD before moving to Oregon and finally to Yankton in 1943. After eight years of marriage, her husband, Gerald died at age 40 on June 28, 1945. They had four children together.

She was left to raise four children, aged between two and six years by herself. She had little formal education. She worked from home until her children were out of grade school. Courageously, she worked tirelessly at various jobs to keep her family together, including Sacred Heart Hospital and Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was very successful in this endeavor, as all of her surviving family will affirm.

She was a devout Catholic, was very active in Sacred Heart Catholic Church activities and was a member of St. Benedict Oblate. Her home was the meeting place for many of her children's friends who remain close to the family.

Veronica is survived by her children: Merlin (Marilyn) Lillie of Surprise, AZ, Dale (Maria) Lillie of Tulsa, OK, Donna Phillips of Sioux City, IA, and Sharon (Jerry) deLaubenfels of Council Bluffs IA; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; sister Mary Ann Loecker of Yankton, SD and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 6 brothers, 5 sisters and 1 great-great-grandson. She died within 45 days of her 100th birthday.

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Paula Jones

Paula Jones, age 70, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Friday, August 22, 2014, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton after her year and a half battle with cancer.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 25, 2014, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Burial of the urn will take place in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 24, 2014 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Urn bearers will be Paula's grandchildren.

Paula was born August 20, 1944 to Paul and Gertrude (Brennan) Nelson in Yankton, South Dakota. She grew up in Mission Hill, South Dakota, attended country school in the Mission Hill area and graduated from Yankton High School in 1962. After high school she began working at the Yankton County Treasurer Office for a few years. She married Wesley Novotny Jr. in 1964 and moved to Kansas. She then moved to Missouri and then back to Mission Hill in 1974. She married Chris Gunderson in 1974 and in 1981 began working for Yankton College as the secretary for the President of the college. She moved to Yankton in 1982 and continued to work at the college until it closed in 1984. She then began working for the Yankton County Equalization Office, which she continued for 12 years. She married Larry Jones on July 2, 1994 in Yankton.



Jones

Paula began working in the Yankton County Auditor's Office until her health forced her to retire in 2013.

Paula enjoyed music, crafts, reading, painting, children, animals, roses, decorating her yard for the holidays, but she especially loved her children and grandchildren. She was very devoted to her work and her family.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Jones of Yankton; six children: Donald (Dana) Novotny of Denver, Colorado; Denise Novotny of Phoenix, Arizona; David (Erin) Novotny of Denver; Daniel (Kay) Novotny of Phoenix; Brandy (Brian) Salts of Yankton; and Corey (Jen Gratzfeld) Gunderson of Yankton; eleven grandchildren: Jamie, Brian, Catherine, Nathan, Emily, Allison, Alexandra, Oliver, Madison, Davian, and Tori; and two puppies: Ruby and Rosie.

She was preceded in death by her parents and Brother, Charles Nelson.

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Omaha Man Arrested After Ice Bucket Challenge

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Participating in the ice bucket challenge to raise funds to fight Lou Gehrig's disease landed a 20-year-old Omaha man in jail.

The *Omaha World-Herald* reports police arrested Jessean Morris Friday after he posted a video of himself taking the challenge online.

Officer Kevin Wiese says a tipster who knew Morris had an outstanding warrant called police after seeing the video. The person reporting the tip was able to identify the house where Morris shot the video.

Morris was paroled in March while serving a 2010 sentence for attempted assault. Police say when they approached Morris Friday, he gave a false name and spit in an officer's face.

The ALS Association says it's raised more than \$53 million as participants drench themselves with a bucket of ice water.

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Our care and concern does not
end with the funeral service.
This week we remember with
family and friends the
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Many people measure the quality of their lives by the number of friends they have made. As it turns out, enduring friendship may also prolong life. According to one study, lifelong buddies may be even more important than close family ties when it comes to living longer. Researchers noted that this "friendship effect" persisted despite personal losses such as the death of a spouse or the relocation of friends to other parts of the country. Friends may have a positive effect on mood, self-esteem, and coping mechanisms during difficult times. It is no wonder, then, that we turn to friends when hardship strikes. Keep your good friends close, and you will live on in their memories.

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