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A Model Creation

Hartington Resident Builds Scale Replica Of Rapid City Chapel

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HARTINGTON — A Hartington man is putting his building skills toward the preservation of his Norwegian heritage.

During one of this winter's periods of heavy snowfall, John Grindvold used his time indoors to construct a model of a Norwegian stave church, copied from Rapid City's Chapel in the Hills, which is built in the stave style — a post and beam construction from the medieval era.

"This winter, there was nothing to do here. We were snowed in, you know," Grindvold said. "So I started on this, and I suppose I spent two or three weeks on it. ...

"I had a picture of the church in Rapid City, and that's what I went by. I didn't have any measurements or anything. I didn't know how big it was, so it's not really to scale. I just enjoy doing these things, so I started in."

Grindvold made a few blueprints off the photograph, "but not too much," he said.

He said he quit in frustration a few times throughout the construction process, but his wife encouraged him to continue.

"It was getting kind of complicated, but Elvira would say, 'Well, you better

keep going,'" Grindvold said. "Sometimes I think he thought, 'Why am I doing this?'" Elvira Grindvold added.

Building the stave church was one of the more complex projects John Grindvold has undertaken.

"It's fairly close to the real church, I guess, but there were some things I just couldn't follow," he said. "(The model)

has about 3,000 shingles, and I made a mistake there, because the one in Rapid City has got 6,000 shingles."

The model was constructed of balsa and redwood, and held together with hot glue.

When it was finished,

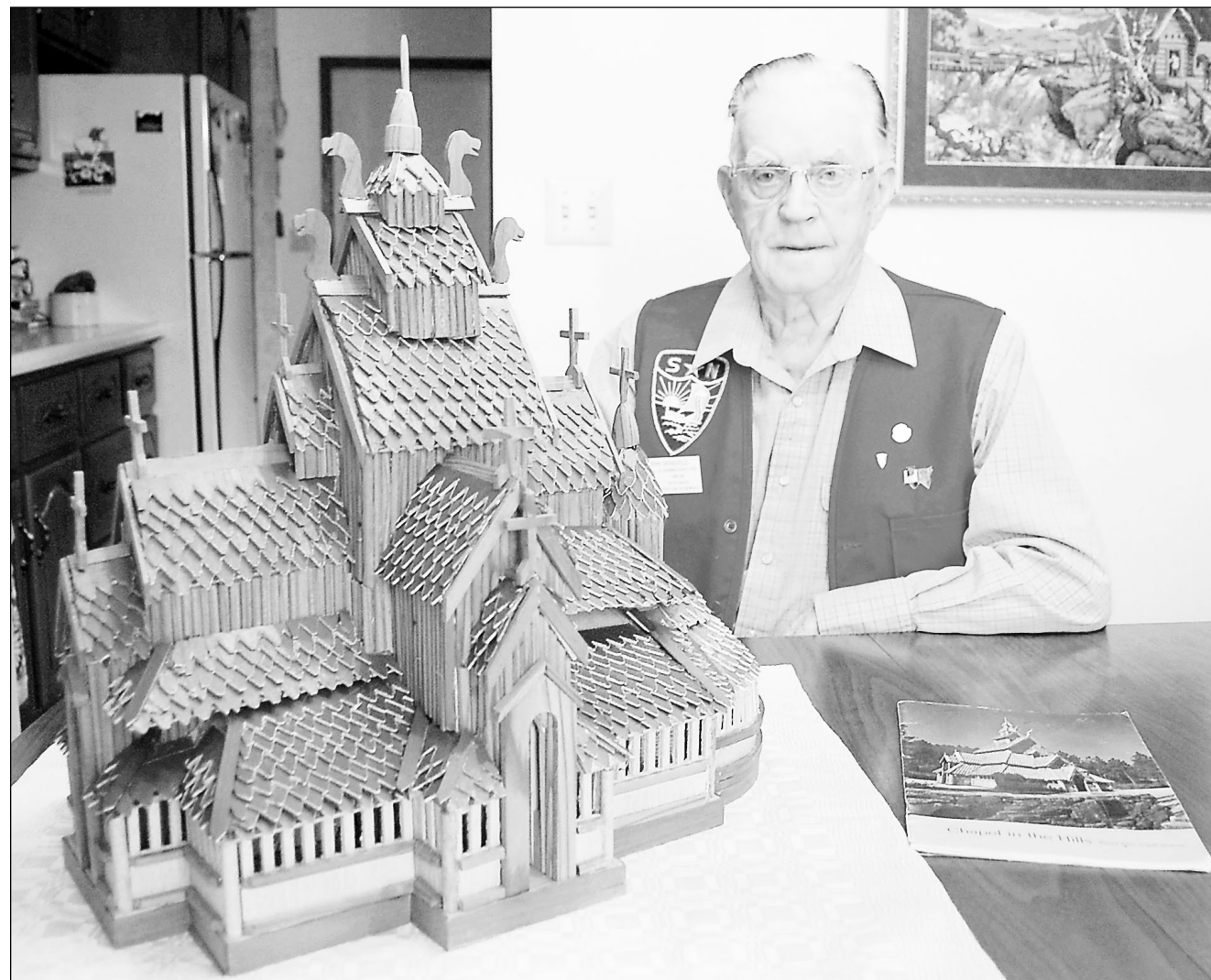
Grindvold brought it to last month's Sons of Norway meeting in Yankton. He has been a member of the group since 1972.

"I didn't think it was that great when I did it, but it seems like they enjoyed seeing it," he said.

Grindvold has done several projects for the Sons of Norway in the past, including building a number of miniature Viking ships to be used as centerpieces, and the construction of a one-stringed musical instrument called the psalmodikon, an instrument Elvira Grindvold said was used for Norwegian church services.

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JOHN GRINDVOLD



Hartington resident John Grindvold spent a snowed-in period this winter on the construction of a miniature Norwegian stave church, modeled off the Chapel in the Hills in Rapid City.

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"There was a time in Norway that they wouldn't let any instrument that was played at dances be used in a church," she explained.

John Grindvold started building things in earnest after he retired, although he said, "Of course, I haven't really retired. I still run the farm whenever the weather's nice. We moved to town in '82. Before that, I was interested in doing things like this. ...

"When I do (these projects), time flies. I'm not bored when I'm doing this," he said. "I just enjoy it. I think a lot of people could do these things if they just got started, and they're interested in it. Of course, you have to have some tools, too."

Grindvold added that he sees these projects as helping to preserve his Norwegian heritage.

"I'm 100 percent Norwegian," he said. "My folks come from there. My dad came in 1907, and my mother came in

1913. And I think we should keep up our Norwegian heritage. I encourage people to join the Sons of Norway."

Grindvold turned 90 on Sept. 30 of last year, and he and Elvira used the occasion as an opportunity to visit Norsk Høstfest in Minot, N.D., so they could have lutefisk as his birthday dinner.

"That was great," he said. The Grindvolds have also taken six trips to Norway itself.

"When I get back there, I can speak Norwegian," John Grindvold said. "There aren't too many people around here that can speak it. ...

"There are some words I can't quite remember, but when I started school, all I could speak was Norwegian. I was the only one in the family, so when I got home, it was Norwegian," he said.

Elvira Grindvold said the trip she and her husband took to Norway in 2001 was a special one.

"There were seven of us," she said. "We took our son and daughter, and her family along. And we went clear across the southern part of Norway, and tried to show them all that we could, that we thought was worth seeing — the mountains and the fjords and the waterfalls."

It was on one of these trips that John Grindvold got the idea for another miniature construction project — that of a stabur, which was used in food preservation.

"In Norway, they had this back years ago to keep their food in," he said. "There was no refrigeration. It would be up off the ground so the rodents couldn't get at it, and it would stay drier that way."

"The first time I went to Norway in 1972, there was a stabur on my grandfather and grandmother's place, and they went in there and cut off a piece of meat (for me)," he said.

When did he construct this project? "Last winter, when I was snowed in," he said with a laugh.

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"It's the perfect environmental conditions for the disease to develop," he said.

"Ash Anthracnose is a common problem in South Dakota," Bergman said. "It is caused by the fungus *Gnomoniella fraxini*, and infects buds, leaves and sometimes twigs."

Infected leaves soon develop brown lesions and the leaves may also become distorted from the disease. The leaves usually begin falling before they completely develop so the ground beneath the tree is covered with small leaves.

Bergman added that usually by the end of June, the tree will produce a second flush of leaves, so the stress is only short lasting. Treatment is not commonly recommended since by the time symptoms are visible, it is too late to control. Additionally, it is a minor threat to the tree.

"Those who have a consistent problem and choose to prevent the disease next spring, spraying the trees with myclobutanil or chlorothalonil can be helpful,"

Bergman said. She added that the first treatment must be applied at the bud swell stage, followed by two more treatments spaced 10 days apart.

"But again, treatment is not necessary for the health of the tree," she added.

To help control the spread of the disease, Bergman advises tree owners to rake up and destroy (burn, bury, or compost) leaves in autumn to reduce the disease carryover.

"Prune out cankered branches and remove twiggy growth to promote air movement within the crown," she added.

A similar fungus can cause anthracnose type diseases on elms, maples and oaks, Bergman said.

For additional information on this issue or other horticulture problems, contact horticulture Extension educators Chris Zdorovtsov at (605) 367-7877 or Bergman (605) 665-3387.

RIVER

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the park and volunteer for three days. The volunteers that are down at the river and (with) the committee work year round to put this event on. It is tough. So when they or somebody needs something, I try to help out."

The couple will now serve as the official face of Riverboat Days. They will be attending celebrations throughout the area promoting the Summer Arts Festival and the other activities associated with the event.

"I think of the Captain and Belle as the ambassador to the community," Diane said. "We want to promote Yankton as a nice place to live, a great place to raise a family."

"The committee does have an agenda for us, but we are certainly going to do other things as well. Like the (Great West Conference) track meet this weekend was not on the official list of things to do, but we actually go to a lot of community events anyway. So, we will be very visible."

Diane noted that they had already handed out several bags of buttons promoting the Aug. 20-22 event.

"We will be all over meeting and greeting people," she said. "We just

hope to be very energetic and a great ambassadors for the community."

Don added, "How could you not be an ambassador? Look down the river, seeing the steeple, how could you not be impressed with what you see?"

At his restaurant, Don shared a wall of photos of all the past Captain and Belles.

"I think in the past years they have had excellent selections for Captain and Belle, and I just hope to do as well as they did," Diane said. "I think they have all done such a nice job and have all really enjoyed themselves. If any of them have told us anything, they have told us how much they enjoyed going to the events and meeting people, and going to the area towns and participating in the events. That is why we are looking so forward to the summer."

Smith's Office To Hold Mobile Office Hours In Cedar County

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Third District constituents can meet with a staff member of U.S. Rep. Adrian Smith (R-Neb.) from 1:30-2:30 p.m. May 25 in Hartington, Neb.

A full-time member from Smith's Grand Island staff will hold a "mobile office" at the Cedar County Courthouse, 101 S. Broadway.

A "mobile office" will allow constituents to meet directly with one of Smith's staff mem-

bers about federal issues. Constituents can also and learn about services available through a congressional office such, as tours in Washington D.C., ordering American flags flown over the U.S. Capitol and casework assistance in meeting individual challenges of working with a federal agency.

For additional information about the mobile office, contact Smith's Grand Island office at (308) 384-3900.

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Board Eligible Neurologist

Dr. Raval is a graduate of Government Medical College, India. He completed his Internal Medicine residency training at Civil Hospital, India, followed by his Neurology residency training which was completed at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Additionally, Dr. Raval completed a post-residency fellowship in neurophysiology, electromyography and electroencephalography at the University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama.

Please join with us in welcoming Dr. Raval and his wife, Jyoti, to the Yankton area. The Clinic is pleased to bring a Neurologist to our medical community as well as to the many patients he will serve.

Dr. Raval began seeing patients at the Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. on May 10, 2010. Appointments can be made by calling 605-665-1082.

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