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ROYAL RAIDERS!

ABOVE: Gayville-Volin's homecoming coronation was held this past Saturday. The royalty included from left to right Jace Bennett, Tyler Kasuske, Ben Sonichsen, Taylor Anderson, Brittney Huber and Brittney Ziegler. Sonichsen and Anderson were named the King and Queen and will reign over Friday's homecoming parade in Gayville. RIGHT: Brittney Huber sports a big sombrero Wednesday to show her support for Gayville-Volin's homecoming week activities. Huber was a part of Gayville-Volin's homecoming royalty. The Raiders will take on Centerville at 7 p.m. Friday night with the Hall of Fame Induction of Karla (Miller) Iverson, Mark Roozen and Doug Olson starting at 6 p.m.



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Iverson Surprised, Honored By Hall Of Fame Selection

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For once, Karla (Miller) Iverson will be the one in her family getting the attention when she is inducted into the Gayville-Volin Hall of Fame this weekend for the school's homecoming.

She is already married to University of South Dakota Hall of Famer and Mount Marty Athletic Director Chuck Iverson, and all three of her children have played basketball in college — Colton (University of Minnesota), Cassie (MMC) and Kara (USD).

"This time, the attention is on mom," Karla said. "They don't like a lot of individual attention, so they laughed at me for being like them."

"It's just an honor, and I am looking forward to the day and seeing old classmates," she added. "I was surprised when I got the call because their Hall of Fame is pretty new."

Iverson will be going into the Gayville-Volin Hall of Fame with two other alums.

Doug Olson graduated from Gayville-Volin in 1978, and he participated in football, basketball, track and field and cross country. He earned 11 letters throughout his high school career. Olson continued his track career at Northern State University and was named the most valuable athlete on the team in 1982.

Mark Roozen will be joining Iverson and Olson. He graduated from Gayville-Volin in 1980 after participating in football, basketball and track. He was the Class B state shot put champion in 1980 and was a member of the all-state football team as well. Roozen later went on to play football in Europe for three years as a player/coach.

Iverson graduated from Gayville-Volin High School in 1975. She participated in girls' basketball, track and field and was a cheerleader. During her senior year, Iverson qualified for three events — the shot put, high jump and the mile relay — at the South Dakota state track meet,



Iverson

which was the third year in a row she qualified for the state meet.

She also set the school's high jump record.

"I had it for a while, but the record was broken a long time ago," Iverson said. "It wasn't very high, so we won't mention what the height was."

Iverson continued her basketball career at USD, and is still listed among the all-time single-game rebounding performances with 20 against Northern State.

The Iversons have lived in Yankton for a while now, but one of Karla's fondest athletic moments was playing against the city that she now calls home.

"I always like to mention that we beat Yankton in girls' basketball when I was a senior," Iverson said with a chuckle.

Even though Iverson lives about 15 minutes away from Gayville, she hasn't been back to see the Raiders

play a game very often.

"Years ago, when Chuck (who was the coach of the Mount Marty women's basketball team) was recruiting a girl from there, we went to a game, but we haven't been back in a while," she said. "I don't think it will be a whole lot different. I don't know how many students are there now, but I think it would be pretty similar."

But Iverson is looking forward to going back to Gayville for the induction ceremony.

"I think it will be a fun day. The part I am not looking forward to is when I have to say something," she said. "The rest of it should be a good time, with the parade and social afterward."

It's been a long time since Karla's fondest athletic moments was playing against the city that she now calls home.

"I've got some ideas, but it's not going to be very long," she said.

"It's been 35 years since I have given a speech, and that was for my speech class my freshman year of college," she said. "The good thing is that I won't be graded on this one."

Extension 'Field To Table' Events Slated

BROOKINGS — Fourth- and fifth-graders from a number of South Dakota and Iowa schools will get hands-on lessons about how the food they eat gets to their dinner tables.

The students will take part in a South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service program called "Field to Table." The program goes beyond book lessons to engage the senses of students and show them how agricultural work leads to breakfast, lunch, and supper.

The event takes place at Valley Ag Supply, 31071 452nd Ave., Gayville. Business owners Greg and Tara Pirak will host the students. The event, in its ninth year, takes place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Sept. 15-16. South Dakota Cooperative Extension Agronomy Educator Connie Strunk, who

helped to organize the event, said it will help raise awareness of agriculture in the Midwest.

"Part of our focus is to help students understand how crops are raised, and how plant-based foods and byproducts come from crops like soybeans and corn," Strunk said. "We reflect the hands-on, ag-school nature of South Dakota State University with programs like this. Students do not just watch and listen, they get up close and truly experience this educational opportunity."

Strunk said the support of the Piraks and sponsors made the opportunity available for students, and gives them true interactive lessons about agriculture's role in our region. Students from four counties near Gayville will interact with Extension educators from the

areas of agronomy, 4-H, family and consumer sciences, and horticulture.

Sponsors for "Field to Table" include Clay Rural Water System, Herren-Schempp Building Supply,

and Monsanto.

For more information or to confirm media appearances for this event, call Strunk at 605-297-3112, or e-mail her at Connie.Strunk@sdstate.edu.

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National Assisted Living Week Set For Sept. 12-18

PIERRE — Assisted Living centers across South Dakota will be celebrating National Assisted Living Week Sept. 12-18. This year's theme is "Living Life."

Assisted living is devoted to delivering care and services based on the individual resident's needs and desires. These services also enhance the resident's emotional, intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual well-being so they can live as independently as possible with the highest quality of life.

Through caregiving, staff members build close relationships with residents and often it's as if the resident was their own parent, sibling, or close relative. Family members and friends are integral in caregiving and keeping residents engaged. Volunteers read to, play music, or listen to residents. Individuals from the community often deliver lectures on their expertise or lead residents in topical discussions about current events.

The South Dakota Assisted Living Association (SDALA), along with the National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL), encourages citizens of South Dakota to celebrate assisted living's accomplishments and efforts to continue to improve the quality of life for the state's seniors.

The South Dakota Assisted Living Association is a statewide not-for-profit association, representing nursing facilities, senior living and assisted living facilities that provide long-term care to the citizens of South Dakota.

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