

QUICK LOOKS

THIS WEEK IN MENNO/OLIVET HISTORY ...

120 Years Ago: Iver Skari, who has been running a general store at Molan the past two years, has sold out to Buechler & Dobler, of Freeman. Mr. Skari is a good businessman and has given entire satisfaction to his patrons. For more Menno-area history, see page 3.

WHAT'S AHEAD

■ The Menno High School baccalaureate and graduation programs will be held Saturday, May 11 at the Menno Gymnasium. The baccalaureate will begin at 3 p.m. with the graduation ceremony to follow.

■ Deb Schaeffer will retire this year from the Menno School District where she has taught since 1975. A reception will be held Sunday, May 19 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Menno City-School Auditorium. Refreshments will be provided. See page 2 for more information.

WEATHER

April 30	48	35	0.37
May 1	46	41	0.18
May 2	56	34	0.00
May 3	66	42	trace
May 4	70	39	0.00
May 5	68	47	0.00
May 6	60	43	0.00

PRECIPITATION SUMMARY

April total precip.....	5.56
2019 total precipitation.....	9.54
Normal annual precip.....	5.00
Amount above normal.....	4.54

GRAIN MARKET

Hansen-Mueller
- 8 a.m. -

Monday, May 6, 2019

Corn.....	\$3.39
Beans.....	\$7.15

Monday, April 29, 2019

Corn.....	\$3.30
Beans.....	\$7.41

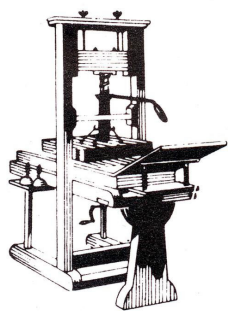
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Hutchinson Herald to end publication

Second Century Publishing, Inc., which has owned the *Hutchinson Herald* since 2002, will discontinue publishing the Menno weekly newspaper this summer and transition coverage of the community into the *Freeman Courier*.

The June 27 edition will be the last for the *Herald*, which has served the Menno community — and, later, the Olivet community — since it was founded in 1882.

Publisher Jeremy Waltner says plans are to continue serving the Menno and Olivet communities on a weekly basis through a section in the *Freeman Courier*. Support from the business community, as well as the city of Menno and Menno School District, will

determine at what level.

Both the city council and school board will have to designate a new legal newspaper starting July 1. Waltner is meeting with elected officials this week and next to invite them to name the *Courier* as their official legal paper.

“There are a lot of good things happening in Menno that deserve to be covered,” Waltner said. “We have every intent to do so, but in a different format. We are asking the larger Menno community to support us as we make this transition.”

Waltner said the decision to absorb the *Herald* and use the *Courier* to cover the communities of Menno and Olivet was a difficult but necessary one. With

rising costs, diminishing advertising support and declining population and readership, it is no longer financially feasible to publish the *Herald* as its own newspaper.

“Times are tough for the newspaper industry and both the *Herald* and the *Courier* are certainly not immune to those realities,” Waltner said. “But we maintain that newspapers play a vital role in their communities, which is why we want to make every effort to be the paper of record for Menno and Olivet. We hope to maintain our relationship with the city council, school board, business community and the people and events that make life in small towns so rewarding.”

All city and rural residents who

receive the *Herald* by mail will have their subscriptions automatically transferred to the *Freeman Courier*. Those who would rather receive a refund for the remainder of the year may request one. Those who subscribe to both the *Herald* and *Courier* will receive a credit or refund for the remainder of the year.

David Bordewyk, executive director of the South Dakota Newspaper Association, noted the difficulties facing newspapers across the state.

“Many small weekly newspapers in South Dakota are facing very significant economic pres-

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Out with the old

The structure of the Menno Public School ag shop was stripped down to its metal recently as part of the renovation of the classroom and workspace. The Menno Board of Education is currently reviewing construction cost figures prior to the start of new construction on the site.

PHOTO BY ERIK KAUFMAN

Area Briefs

Menno Public School Breakfast Menu

May 9-17
Thursday: PB&Js
Friday: Cook's Choice
Monday: Cook's Choice
Tuesday: Cook's Choice
Wednesday: Cook's Choice
Thursday: Cook's Choice
Friday: Cook's Choice
Every breakfast includes: Fruit, juice and choice of one percent white or skim chocolate milk.

Lunch Menu

May 9-17
Thursday: Cook's Choice
Friday: Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Breadstick, Broccoli
Monday: Cook's Choice
Tuesday: Mini Corndogs, Baked Beans
Wednesday: Cook's Choice
Thursday: Cook's Choice
Friday: Sub Sandwich, Whole Grain Chips, Cookie
Substitute entree choices for K-12: Turkey Sandwich, Chef Salad, Yogurt/Granola or PB&J.
Every meal includes: Fruit and veggie bar and choice of one percent or chocolate milk.
Menus are subject to change based on availability.

Fax the Herald

You can reach the *Hutchinson Herald* by fax at 605-925-4684.

Prescribed burn scheduled for Lake Henry

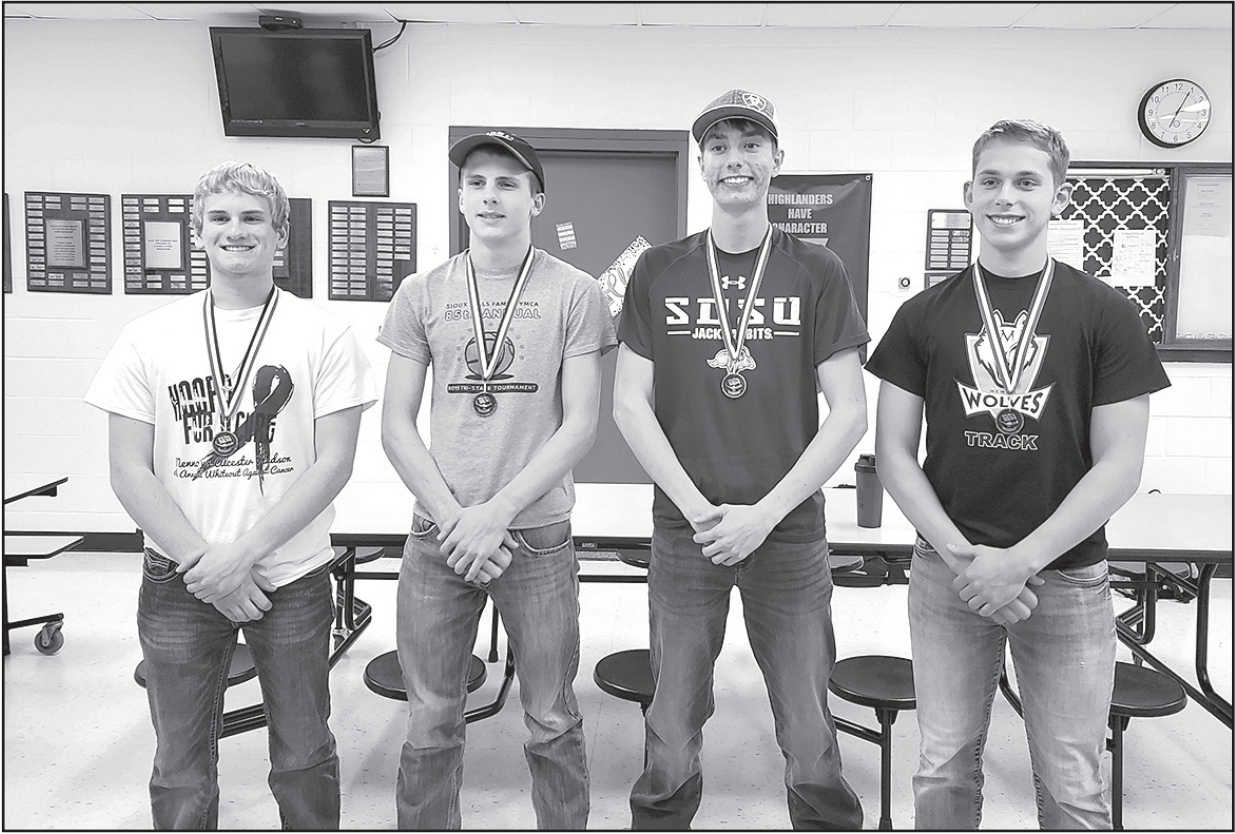
The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks will conduct a prescribed fire at Lake Henry, east of the city of Scotland in the coming weeks when conditions permit.
The burn will take place on 58 acres on the east side of the lake.
The reason for this fire is to remove invasive Eastern Red Cedar trees from the grassland and kill invasive grass species to encourage growth of native vegetation and improve area habitat.

Open house to celebrate Schelske EMT service

The Menno Ambulance Service will hold an open house Friday, May 17 at the Menno Fire Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. to celebrate Marsha Schelske's 27 years as an emergency medical technician. Coffee and desserts will be served.

Retirement party to be held for Schaeffer

Deb Schaeffer will retire this year from the Menno School District where she has taught since 1975. A reception will be held Sunday, May 19 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Menno City-School Auditorium. Refreshments will be provided.
All are welcome to attend. Please come and wish Deb a happy retirement and share a memory or two.



Menno takes top spot at Scotland Invitational Pizza Bowl

The Scotland Invitational Pizza Bowl was held on March 26 with 10 teams from Armour, Avon, Menno, Wagner and Scotland competing. After four rounds of competition, the Menno Gold Team and the Wagner Red Team met for the championship. Menno won the contest with a 60-30 victory. Pictured with their gold medals are, from left to right, Hunter Haberman, Conner Edelman, Aiden Friesen and Logan Klautt. Not pictured is coach Brian Schmuck.

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Churches to host Vacation Bible School

Salem MB Church and the Neu Hutterthaler Church will host Vacation Bible School from Sunday, July 14 through Thursday, July 18. This will take place at the Salem MB Church.
This year's theme is "To Mars and Beyond." Mark this on your calendar to save the dates. All area children, age 4 (in July) through the 6th grade are invited to attend.
Salem MB Church is located at 43173 272nd Street between Bridgewater and Freeman. Check the church Facebook page or website for updates.

Grace Lutheran to hold Camp Grace 2019

Come and join us for a camping adventure at Grace Lutheran Church this summer as we learn about our lives as Christians and how Jesus is our guide!
Kids ages 4 through 6th grade are invited to attend. It will be held Monday, June 3 to Friday, June 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. each evening. The VBS Program will be held after worship on Sunday, June 9, with a meal to follow.
To register, please contact Mindy Spangler at 605-760-0918 or e-mail at mindyspangler@hotmail.com.

July 4 parade theme announced

The Rames-Bender Post 152 of the American Legion has announced the theme for the 2019 July 4 parade in Menno. The theme will be "American Legion - 100 Years Strong."

Remember the deadline

All news and advertising copy for the *Hutchinson Herald* must be in the office by 10 a.m. Monday for publication the following Thursday.
Call 387-5158 or send email to hherald@gwtc.net for more information.

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Herald closing follows statewide trend

ures," Bordewyk said. "Those pressures are related, not necessarily to the growth of the internet and social media, but more so to the demographic and economic trends in the rural communities and rural areas of our state. The loss of population, farms, businesses and institutions such as schools and health-care facilities are making it more and more difficult for many of our state's smallest newspapers to continuing publishing."
That now includes the *Herald*, which follows a growing trend that has seen small weeklies that have either closed or been absorbed by larger publications.
Among those lost have been the *Belle Fourche Bee* and *Meade County Times* of Sturgis, which

were both closed by the Rapid City Journal three years ago. *The Isabel Dakotan* was absorbed by the *Timber Lake Topic* two years ago, the *Beadle County Echo* of Wessington/Wolsey was absorbed by the *Miller Press* last year and the *New Underwood Post* was absorbed by the *Wall Pennington County Courier* just this year.
"When we've seen the demise of a small newspaper, the trend has been for a neighboring newspaper or a newspaper nearby that has the same ownership to incorporate coverage of the newspaper-less community into its own publication," Bordewyk said. "In other words, more and more newspapers are covering, not only the community where they are based, but nearby

communities, as well. That seems to be the model for sustainability of community journalism in South Dakota and elsewhere."
"We have appreciated the work that editor Erik Kaufman (who will leave that post July 1) has done for the *Herald* and the relationships we've made with the people of Menno and Olivet," Waltner said. "We hope to continue to work with and for the people of those communities and deliver them a community newspaper that is highly respected across the state and beyond."
Those with questions about the closing of the *Herald* should contact the *Freeman Courier* by calling 925-7033, emailing courier@gwtc.net or writing to *Freeman Courier*, PO Box 950, Freeman, SD 57029.



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