



# THE INDEPENDENT

## BRIEFLY

### Labor Day awards

Following are the winners of Labor Day events:

**Car Show Winners**  
**Antique class:** Lester Moget, Sioux Center, Ia.  
**Classic:** Daniel Boone, Rock Rapids, Ia.  
**People's choice:** Rev. Ralph Van Rheenen, Hawarden.

**Winners at Chamber Carnival Booth**  
Jason Barnum-T-shirt; Troy Bauder-Zogi Ticket; and Amy Schmitz-Zogi Ticket.

**Float Winners**  
**Judges' Choice, \$10.00:** Le Mars Agri-Fest.

**Most Artistic, \$10.00:** Ireton Booster Club.

**Theme Prize, \$20.00:** Alton Community.

**Originality, \$10.00:** Associated church.

**Kiddie Parade Winners**  
Kristina Danielson-Rainbow Bike; Amy Brunsting-Strawberry Shortcake, bike; Brody and Corissa Koopmans-Smurf Twins, wagon; Christa Aldrich-circus clown; Joey Reed-circus clown; Jason Anderson, Seth Larson, Josh Harry, representing Rocky I, Rocky II, and Rocky III.

Over 75 participated. It was very difficult to decide winners. Everyone was so good. Very original.

**Ballooning**  
**Hot Air Balloon Races and Sponsors:** 1. Orville Olivier-Foreman Tire; 2. Dave Freidly-Gearhart Agency, Alcester Feed & Grain; and 3. Bud Bunker-Farmers State Bank.

### Chamber coffee

The Chamber Coffee is hosted this week by Clayton Thompson and will be held at Central Cafe.

### Correction

Rev. Jack Pereboom is the son of Andrew Pereboom and the late Florence Pereboom, not Gertrude Pereboom as was reported in the last paper.

### Community Chorus

An open invitation is extended to all interested voices to sing in rehearsal for a Christmas Cantata: "Born A King" by John W. Peterson. Rehearsal will begin, under the direction of Mr. David Staron, Thursday evening, September 16 beginning at 9 p.m. at the Associated Church. To start off the year with fellowship, a coffee hour will begin at 8 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Associated Church. Combining the voices with organ and piano, the Cantata is a thrilling experience. We hope to perform the cantata both in Hawarden and Ireton.

### Zogi Variety Revue

Remember, Thursday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the old city hall, is the place Zogi and his Variety Revue will be entertaining Hawarden. For cheaper advanced tickets, contact the Chamber of Commerce office or any local merchant.

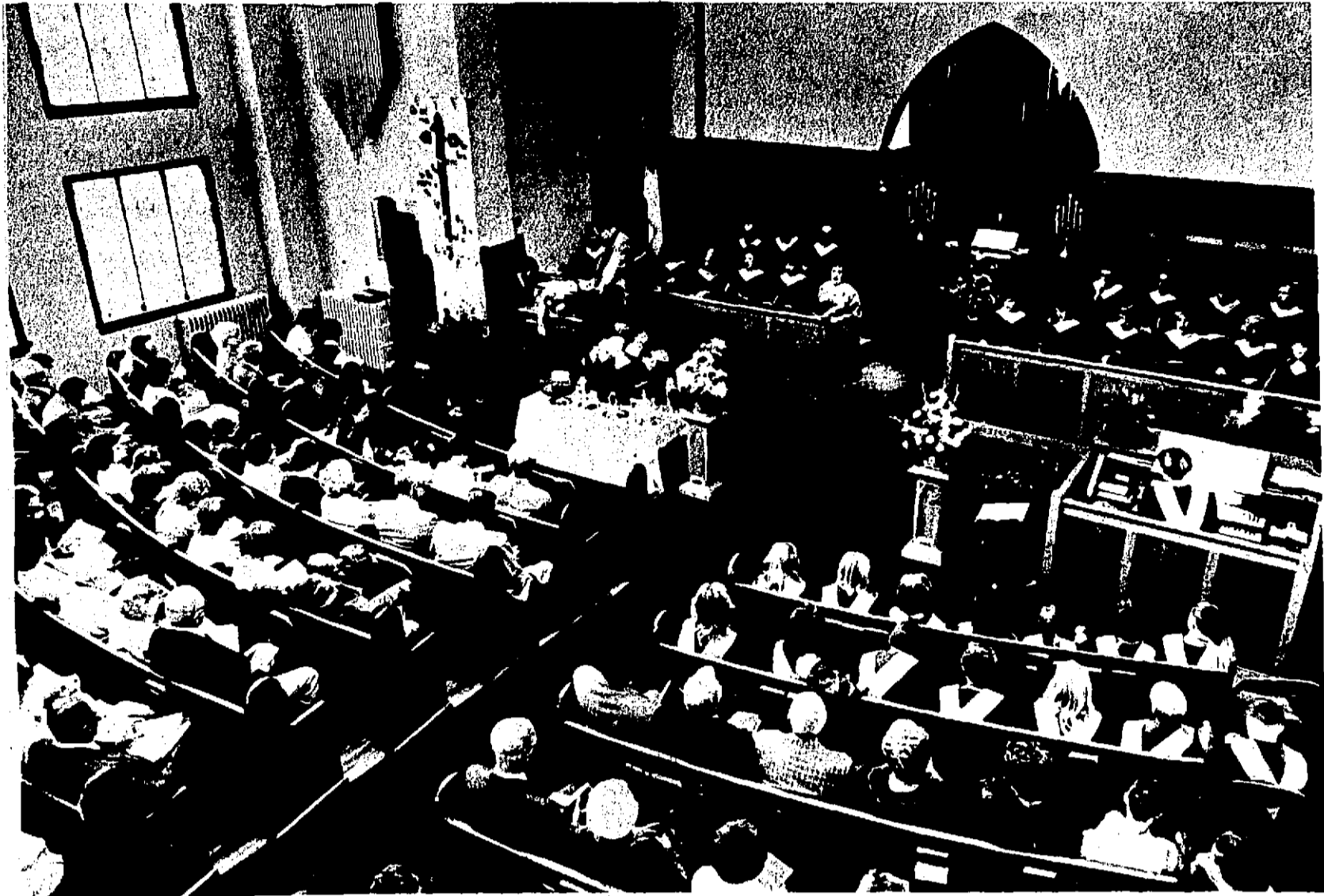
### School open house

There will be an open house on Wednesday, September 22 at the West Sioux elementary building, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to come and see the remodeling of the offices and lunchroom and the new library. There will also be an open house at the Ireton center on October 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### First meeting for Jaycee-Ettes

If you're between the age of 18 and 35, want to be a better person by doing more for your family, community and yourself, and want to learn leadership skills and meet people with similar ideas, then come to the library meeting room on Wednesday evening, September 22 at 7:30 p.m.

A group of interested young women from Hawarden have invited State Jaycee-Ette officers to explain and talk more about this organization and forming a chapter in Hawarden.



Associated's birthday party brings big crowd

A capacity congregation was on hand Sunday, September 12 for

the morning worship service at Hawarden's Associated Church.

The church was celebrating a

century of worship in Hawarden

photo by Chuck Sandahl

## A tie!

### Voters fail to choose between Harvey and Hansen

For the first time in West Sioux history, the voters did not make a choice between candidates in the general board election, according to unofficial results.

399 voters chose incumbent Robert Hansen, and another 399 voted for Monte Harvey in the at-large race.

Although the decision on solving the tie is a bit unclear, county auditor Bertha Rexwinkel has stated that in a previous case, the board of supervisors decided the winner by drawing one of the names.

In the Hawarden precinct, 238 voters chose Harvey and 338, Hansen. The Ireton voters chose Harvey over Hansen, 123-35; in McNally, 33 voted for Harvey and 24 for Hansen. Five of the seven absentee ballots picked Harvey.

Ties are uncommon, but the Boyden-Hull district also had a tie this year, too.

The voters did approve the proposition on the ballot and board president Merlin Rostermundt was re-elected.

Friday, 9:00 a.m. has been set for the drawing between Harvey and Hansen in the supervisor's board room.

## Ireton woman killed in shooting

Lisa Vander Esch, 19, rural Ireton, is dead from an apparent accidental shooting which occurred Tuesday evening.

Darwin Vander Esch, husband of the deceased, told the authorities that his rifle went off accidentally on the evening of September 14 and the bullet struck his wife while she was playing with her one and one-half year old son in the back yard. The victim's husband reported the incident.

The sheriff's office reported that Lisa Vander Esch sustained fatal head injuries in the accident. An autopsy was conducted on Wednesday.

The Sioux County sheriff's office, the Sioux County attorney's office and the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation are looking into the circumstances surrounding the death.

Darwin and Lisa Vander Esch are 1981 graduates of West Sioux High School. Lisa Vander Esch, the former Lisa Hamstra, was the daughter of Gertrude Vander Hamm. Darwin Vander Esch is the son of Severt and Christina Vander Esch.

## City won't pay cost overruns

### Engineers to assume cost of extra labor at airport site

Due to misjudgment by the engineers who designed Hawarden's new airport north of town, the project has exceeded estimated costs by about \$5,500.

Tuesday the council met with the engineers about the cost overrun. The engineers, Grant, DeWild, Reckert and associates, have agreed to assume the extra costs.

Apparently, the amount of soil to be moved in order to install a new runway was estimated to be several inches less than was required to get all of the grass roots—the contractor had to take four inches of soil. This led to drainage problems on the shoulders and ends of the runway.

"This caused extra work in seeding and shouldering work along the runway," said superintendent of public works

Russ Harris. "The engineers didn't estimate the condition of the sod out there properly, and when the problem was recognized, didn't communicate with the contractor about it."

The city will not be paying for the error—they are assuming the part of the bill that the project should have cost them, had no complications arisen.

The airport is open for use now, and in the spring the city is planning a fly-in to celebrate the use of the new airport.

In other action at this week's council meeting, the city heard from Sioux Empire College representatives who want to work with the city on getting more softball diamonds.

They are willing to offer their football field, which is no longer

in use, to be turned into two diamonds. The college would use the diamonds for their women's softball team in the spring, and the city teams and school teams would be able to use the diamonds in the spring and summer.

The SECO representatives told the college that they would be willing to pay for the lighting, mowing and maintenance, even in the summer months when the college is not in session. The city would pay for the cost of setting up the diamonds.

No decisions were made by the council about building the softball diamonds at SECO; the council has not dropped the idea of setting up diamonds at the old airport site or any other location.

The council officially promised the West Sioux Sportsman's Club to work with them on the sur-

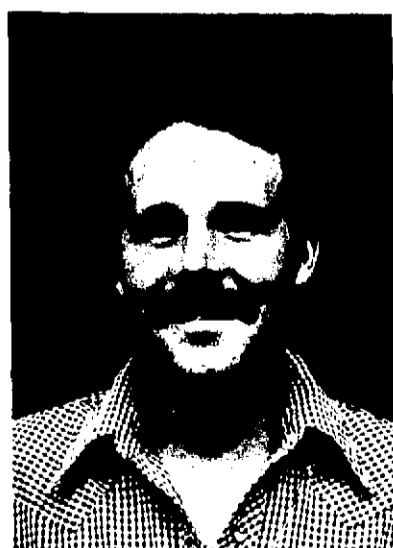
facting project out at the south pit; the council has been working with the club for several months on this project.

City clerk Jeff Pederson gave the council a list of bad debts the council previously approved for writing off. The city has about \$19,000 of bad debts on their books; instead of carrying them from year to year, they have decided to write the debts off.

Pederson says that this does not mean the debts will never be collected. The city will continue to pursue the lost money.

"I want to emphasize that this is an accounting matter," said Pederson. "New applicants for utilities will be checked against our bad debt file, and the meter deposit will address the bad debt problem better than any other way."

## Five vie for Outstanding Farmer honors



Bob Koopmans

One of these five Hawarden area young farmers will be chosen as the Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year for 1982. The winner and the other nominees will be honored at a banquet sponsored by the Hawarden Jaycees.

**Robert F. Koopmans**  
Robert and his wife, Gayle, operate a 240 acre farm located one and one-half miles northeast of Hawarden. Bob's main interest is livestock farming where he finishes over 3800 hogs and



Gary Gregg

custom feeds 140 head of cattle each year.

Bob and Gayle have two children—Brody, age 6 and Corissa, age 1.

**Dennis Ludwig**  
Dennis and his wife, Nora, have three children—Renee 11, Shayne 8 and Mischa 7. The Ludwigs have been farming for 14 years and they now own and rent over 1200 acres of farmland. In addition, Dennis also feeds approximately 750 head of fat cattle. The Ludwigs live 5 miles west and 2 1/2



Gary Witt

south of Hawarden in Union County, SD.

**Gary Gregg**  
Gary and Cindy Gregg live 3 1/2 miles south of Hawarden where they are involved in farming 390 acres of land and operating Sioux Valley Feedlots, Inc. Gary's main interest center around the feedlot and finishing several thousand head of cattle each year.

The Gregg's have two children—Erika 8 and Erin 5.

**Gary Witt**  
Gary operates a 180 acre farm



Dennis Ludwig

located 1 mile south and one-quarter mile east of Hawarden. Gary devotes much of his time to his livestock operation where he finishes over 2000 hogs and 250 head of cattle each year.

Gary and his wife, Jolayne, have one daughter, Christian, age 5 1/2 months.

**Vince Ronsiek**  
Vince and Lisa Ronsiek have two children—Audra, age 2, and Nathan, 2 months. The Ronsiek's live 3 miles south and 2 1/2 miles east of Hawarden where they



Vince Ronsiek

farm 380 acres of land. In addition Vince also has a farrow to finish hog facility and fat cattle and stock cow operations.

A local committee will make the final selection for Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year.

The banquet will be held at the West Sioux High School Gym starting at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 18.

Tickets are still available from any Hawarden Jaycee. Advance tickets only.