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Ethel Larvick gives Al Larvick a reel of 8mm film, circa early to mid-1950s, in this still taken from the Al Larvick Family Film Collection. (Courtesy Photo)

Preserving pieces of the past

Local man receives grant to convert home movies

By Richard Volesky
Editor/Reporter

MEDORA - Family films that span several decades and are owned by a Medora man are being preserved for future generations.

Milo Thompson, who once lived at Alpha, N.D., which was located south of Beach, provided the films with a total of almost 4,000 feet of footage to The MediaPreserve, a company in Pennsylvania. The preservation is possible through a grant from the Al Larvick Conservation Fund (ALCF), based in New York City. Al Larvick was a native of Emmons County, N.D.

The Thompson home movie collection includes Super 8 films that were shot by Milo Thompson's father, Goodwin "Goody" Thompson, and later, 8 millimeter films made by Milo Thompson himself.

Goody Thompson started filming the family and special events in the 1940s. Like many dads of today, it was a way to capture the kids as they were growing up, said Milo Thompson. Milo Thompson later took up the filming hobby until the 1980s.

Milo Thompson said he hasn't seen the Super 8 films because he doesn't have that type of projector, so it will be a special aspect of the project when the digital versions become available. The preservation and



These are just a few of the boxes that contain Thompson family films that are being preserved for future generations. (Courtesy Photo)

conversion process is expected to be completed later this year.

The conservation plan includes cleaning and repairing the original films, as well as transferring those films to a digital format. A copy of those transfers will be made available on an Internet archive at archive.org later this year, along with films related to previous grants.

"The fund will not alter what the original film and it's camera person captured," said Kirsten Larvick, founder and executive director of ALCF. Al Larvick was her grandfather.

"We feel home movies are important cultural and historical documents that should be preserved as is," said Kirsten Larvick.

However, for live events that take place annually at historical societies and museums, ALCF has edited a few film clips to include narration and music, in collaboration with the film's owner or grantee. "This is sometimes a good way of adding context to the imagery, especially if they are silent movies. If we do edit them, they are made as copies. The

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Legislature heads to h

By Mike Jacobs

N.D. Newspaper Association
BISMARCK - It's halftime at the Legislature.

Bills originating in one house must move to the other by Friday, Crossover Day. Then lawmakers take a four-day break, returning on March 1.

Actually, the Legislature won't have used quite half its allotted time. Friday is the 37th legislative day. The state constitution allows 80 days.

Legislative leaders have said they want to save some time in case issues that might arise need attention outside the regular session. They're especially concerned about changes to the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) that might impact the state's own programs.

They might have their eyes in the mirror, as well. Lawmakers returned to Bismarck shortly after adjournment in 2015 because they weren't able to agree about health care for state employees.

That issue is back, in two forms.

Bills passed out of the Senate continue paying 100 percent of health insurance costs for state employees. Gov. Doug Burgum's budget calls for a 5 percent employee contribution, and that idea has been endorsed

by House Republican Leader A Carlson.

Burgum also took out raises for state employees. The Senate went along with that.

But this is one case where the money might not be the hard part. Leader Carlson and his colleagues in the House are pushing changes in the structure of the Public Employee Retirement System, which administers state employee benefits. This is the issue that derailed the last session and may hang over the closing day of this one.

Legislators have deliberately pushed some issues across the hall. A notable example occurred last week when the House defeated a bill to provide money for communities impacted by oil development. "This does not need to be decided today," Carlson told the Forum News Service. "It needs to be decided in the second half."

Medical marijuana is another high profile issue that will be decided in the second half. This is highly charged - and not just because of the subject matter.

Voters approved medical marijuana via an initiated measure in the 2016 election, but state health offi

Area artist featured in international

By News Staff

SENTINEL BUTTE - Sketches created by Sentinel Butte rancher, cowboy poet and visual artist Bill Lowman are featured in Range magazine's spring edition.

Range's Publisher/Editor C.J. Hadley has chosen a series of winter blizzard scenes from Lowman's original portfolio of caring for ranch cattle in the North Dakota Badlands during long, tough, deep snow winters. Range is published in Carson City, Nev. and distributed throughout the U.S., Canada and other countries.

"C.J. Hadley had seen eight of the drawings hanging in the National Western Folk Life Center in Elko, Nev., and wanted to feature some of my unpublished works," said Lowman. She picked four of those drawings to feature.

Lowman, a lifelong rancher from the Westerheim community, 20 miles north of Sentinel Butte, studied art for two seasons at the Art Institute of Miami, Fla., in the late 1960s. Over the years art collectors have purchased over 300 of his Western originals across the United States and Europe.

Lowman has been the featured artist twice at the Northeast Nevada Museum and also featured at the National Western Folk Life Center, and the Lewis and Clark Visitors Center



This Bill Lowman sketch, it shows the Lowmans digging a to water as the blizzard of Feb calm leader cows are following the shoveler. (Courtesy)

rotunda at Fort Buford. Scores of his works compliment his stories and poems in his five book publications

Exchange students explain



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...ar Farstveet looks to pass the ball in the Buccaneers' ... with Dickinson Trinity. (Photo by Jenae Orluck)

aturday, Feb. 18, the boys to play the second ranked the region. After their win Buccaneers, the Beulah currently have a record of 17-1. The score of the Beach-Beu- was 30-70. ... to a close, the Buccaneer

boys basketball season has one regu- lar season game left. On Feb. 24, the Buccaneers will host the Het- tinger/Scranton Night Hawks. Feb. 24 is also senior night for the Bucca- neers, as this is the last regular sea- son home game. It's the last chance to come cheer for the home team.

Jane M. Cook

electric seed germinator set test any small grains and each is now being repainted paint brushes and rollers. ignored Saturday night when

A Manor News column wasn't available this week

original clip is always preserved," said Larvick. "This year we're excited to begin our oral history pilot program, "Homespun Histories." We'll be interviewing grantees about their film collection and family and community history. Those oral history interviews will also be available online and at screening events."

Larvick's grandparents taught in North Dakota until 1957 when they moved to Oregon, where they taught until their retirements. Al Larvick was an athletic director at Valley City High School from the mid-1940s until 1957, and before that at numerous high schools around North Dakota. He also was a basketball and football coach and driver's education instructor. Grandmother Ethel Larvick taught reading and English classes. She also coached some girl's basketball teams early in her career.

Al Larvick was given an 8mm film camera in the early 1950s. His son Rockne purchased the camera so Al Larvick could film basketball and football practices to help with coaching and game strategy. "My grandfa- ther used the camera for those purposes, but ended up filming much more," said Kirsten Larvick. "He really fell in love with recording family and community and did so for the rest of his life."

The ALCF is based in New York City because that's Kirsten Larvick's residence and where she incorporated the organization.

The Thompson family films in-

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Goodwin Thompson

clude some aspects of regional or state history. Milo Thompson said construction of the Garrison Dam, parades, rodeos in Wibaux and Dick- inson are among what was captured. There also is some footage from his time as a student at forestry school in Bottineau.

A few of the films were previ- ously preserved through the effort of Milo Thompson's daughters Lindsey, Alexa and Laura, who had them con- verted to CDs. Laura also noticed that the State Historical Society of North Dakota was telling of the availability ALCF grants, for which the family decided to apply. Annu- ally, the ALCF makes a North Dakota grant and a national grant.

Students (Continued from Page 1)

Angelika Harutyunyan said Armenia is a very old nation, dating all the way back to the 2500s BC. She attributed this fact to the reason Armenians are more traditional. "Here in America people are more independent, and that's what I like here. People are more open and strangers are talking with each other like close friends."

Kapan and Beach are quite different in their types of school systems as well. In Armenia, students can't choose their schedule, and all 17 classes must be taken. Their class schedule is different every day, but the same every week. Like many other schools, seniors have their classes only with seniors and no one else. After graduation, students have exams from six classes. Graduates choose one from science, one from foreign languages, and four others.

Harutyunyan participates in FBLA at Beach High School, and is planning on joining the track and field team this spring. Her favorite class at Beach is art. She shared that she didn't know she had a love for art before coming to America.

Harutyunyan will be heading back to Armenia in June. While she will miss many things about the U.S. when she leaves, she said she will miss her host family most of all.

"They became my second family," said Harutyunyan. "I proudly can say that I have two moms and two dads. Also I'll miss my friends here. Hopefully I'll have a chance to see them again."

Also known as Choke, Chaiwat Buayai is from Khonkean, Thailand, and he is staying with Bob and Kelli Allen. He participates in FBLA at Beach High School, and is planning on joining the track and field team this spring.

Buayai's favorite class at Beach High School is world history. One of the biggest differences between American and Thailand schools is that students in Thailand cannot choose their classes.

When asked what he will miss most from the U.S. when he returns home, Buayai said he will miss friends and teachers.

Mei Ohmura, a foreign exchange student from Iwamizawa, Japan, is also staying with the Maychrzak family while attending Beach High School.

Her favorite subject at Beach High is nutrition and foods. She loves work- ing together with other students to make different dishes. Ohmura also plans to be a part of the track and field team this spring.

The school style in Japan is much stricter than in America. Eating, drinking and listening to music in class are all prohibited. All students bow to the teacher before and after class. In Japan, bowing is a gesture of respect.

Ohmura will return home in the second half of May. "I will miss my host family because they are very nice people. They are my second family forever."

What's Happening?

Listings for high school sport- ing events, plus public events that are free to anyone and aren't fund- raisers or aren't family or busi- ness invitations, can be published free of charge in this column.

- Heart River boys varsity bas- ketball, 7 p.m., Feb. 24, vs. Bow- man County, at South Heart
- Beach boys varsity basket- ball, 7 p.m., Feb. 24, vs. Het- tinger/Scranton, at Beach
- Class B Girls State Basket- ball Tournament, March 2-4, Grand Forks
- Boys Varsity Region 7 Bas- ketball Tournament, March 6-9, at Dickinson Trinity High School
- Medora Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, 4:15 p.m., March 9, Medora Community Center
- Wibaux Health Fair, Wednes- day, March 15, from 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Wibaux County High School Gym

Hat Tips By Dean Meyer

Dean is out of the country and having trouble with his internet access. There will be no article this week. He will have a good story about it next week!

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