Third Annual Watchdog Hall of Fame
Banquet and Induction Ceremony

Saturday, September 28, 2019
6:00 p.m.—Banquet
7:00 p.m.—Program and Induction Ceremony
Beresford Elementary School Gymnasium
WATCHDOG
HALL OF FAME

TOGETHER, WE ASPIRE, ACT AND ACHIEVE.

ACADEMICS - ACHIEVEMENT
FINE ARTS
ATHLETICS
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Beresford School District
Dinner
Catered by Chef Dominique’s

**The Original** (GF)—field greens & iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, onions & caramelized almonds, served with your choice of three dressings: Balsamic Vinaigrette (GF), French (GF), or Ranch

**Roasted Beef Sirloin Carving Station**—served with garlic au jus & horseradish sour cream

**Chicken Picatta** (GF)—lightly breaded in gluten-free Panko then finished with lemon, butter, mushrooms, capers, parsley, & Parmesan cheese

**Garlic Roasted Baby Red Potatoes** (GF)

**Green Beans with Bacon & a hint of Brown Sugar** (GF)

**Assorted White & Multi-grain French Baguette & Butter**

**Bundtlets by Nothing Bundt Cakes**

*Chocolate Chocolate Chip, Red Velvet, White Chocolate Raspberry, and Lemon*

**Lemonade, Iced Tea, & Water**

(GF) = Gluten Free
**Program**

Welcome…………………………………………………Mr. Brian Field, Superintendent

Prayer………………………………………………………………………..BHS Senior

Dinner………………………………………………………………………..Chef Dominique’s

Presentation of Watchdog Hall of Fame Inductees………………BHS Seniors

*Academics & Achievement*

Mrs. Sharon Olbertson………………………………………………Mrs. Jane Carlson

Dr. Peter Larsen ‘97…………………………………………………………Mr. Ron Larsen

*Fine Arts*

Mr. Dennis Hegg……………………………………………………………Mr. Jon Hegg

*Athletics*

Mrs. Natalie (Carda) Board ‘05…………………………………………Mr. Brian Field

Mr. Kenneth Bonte………………………………………………………Mr. Tim Farley

1979 Boys’ Basketball Team…Mr. Jim Sorensen & Mr. David Mohr

*Distinguished Service*

Mr. Roger Price……………………………Mr. Barry Price & Mr. Tom Frieberg

Closing Remarks……………………………………………………………Mr. Brian Field, Superintendent

Social………………………………………………………………………..Bridges at Beresford

A Hard Day’s Night (A Tribute to the Beatles)…………………………Klassix

(Downtown Beresford at 9:00 p.m.—Proceeds benefit Beresford Area Arts)
Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2019 Inductees

Academics/Achievement

Mrs. Sharon Olbertson

Mrs. Sharon Olbertson earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education from Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD. She earned her Master of Arts in English from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD in 1969. She is a professional learner and has taken many graduate courses, earning credits in literature, writing, brain-based learning, and certification in gifted education.

Mrs. Olbertson’s first teaching position was at a Middle School in Washington, D.C. during 1962-63. During 1964 and 1965, she taught English, math, and biology at Mugoiri Girls’ High School in rural Kenya. From 1966-68, she taught English at Roncalli High School in Aberdeen, SD and advised the yearbook and drama.

Mrs. Olbertson taught High School English Composition, Literature, and Language Arts courses at Beresford High School for 33 years, from 1968-2001. Mrs. Olbertson also served as the Oral Interpretation coach and her students received approximately ninety individual state superior medals. Her BHS Oral Interpretation teams earned team trophies (two or more individual superior ratings) for fourteen years in a row. Mrs. Olbertson assisted and/or directed various school stage performances in plays, musicals, and talent shows. She was an advisor for the school newspaper and yearbook for several years and she coached the high school Quiz Bowl team. While teaching at BHS, Mrs. Olbertson organized various student trips to Europe, from Ireland to Greece.
Mrs. Olbertson is a member of National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and the South Dakota Council of Teachers of English (SDCTE), serving as their president in 1989-90. She was a “Fellow” with the Dakota Writing Project; and attended the National Writing Project, served as “guest teacher” with the Chicago Area Writing Project.

Mrs. Olbertson has attended and presented at numerous workshops on brain-based learning, writing, and literature. She served as an NCTE folio reviewer of colleges seeking National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) approval for Language Arts teacher preparation. She served on South Dakota Department of Education (SD DOE) committees for the South Dakota Language Arts and Fine Arts standards. She also collaborated on the Language Arts curriculum for the Beresford School District. Mrs. Olbertson collaborated on the creation of the South Dakota Literary Map through the SDCTE and Humanities Grant, which was distributed to all school libraries in South Dakota and available to others.

Mrs. Olbertson began the Advanced Placement (AP) Program at BHS. She taught English Language Composition and Literature. She facilitated independent study in other disciplines for individual students, including math, science, government, history, music, and art. Mrs. Olbertson accompanied (as “most influential teacher”) a BHS student to Washington, D.C., where the student was named a Presidential Scholar in the Arts (in writing).

Mrs. Olbertson not only instilled a passion for reading and some of the finest works of literature but she turned out students who were excellent communicators in both the spoken and written word. Her students are eternally grateful for that. Her senior Research and Writing and Creative Writing classes prepared students for college and life. Mrs. Olbertson enjoys hearing about the successes of her former students.

Even though retired, Mrs. Olbertson’s passion for teaching continues. She taught at Killian Community College for several years. In 2007, she began an affiliation with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), serving as a discussion leader of literary works. During the past 12 years, she and her fellow students have covered approximately 35 topics. Some of the retired people in her classes are even former students!

Mrs. Olbertson continues to facilitate local and regional writers’ workshops and literature discussions. Since retiring from BHS, she has served as an oral interpretation judge at all levels, including SDHSAA regional and state oral interpretation and speech competitions. Recently, Mrs. Olbertson created a Handbook for Oral Interpretation Coaches and it is now available.

Mrs. Olbertson remains a strong advocate for the academics and fine arts in our school district and community. She is an active member of the Beresford Area Arts. Mrs. Olbertson served as a line coach for many of the Beresford Area Arts productions and musicals.

For many years, Mrs. Olbertson has volunteered her time as an official timer of Watchdog Track and Field Meets.

From the BHS 2001 Yearbook, dedicated to Mrs. Sharon Olbertson:
“A teacher affects eternity; she can never tell where her influence stops.” Henry Brook Adams

Congratulations to our Watchdog Hall of Fame Academics/Achievement inductee, Mrs. Sharon Olbertson!
Dr. Peter Larsen is 1997 graduate of Beresford High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology from South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD and his Masters of Science (Biology) and PhD (Zoology) degrees from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX.

Dr. Larsen was a postdoctoral researcher and senior research scientist at Duke University for six years (2012-2018) and he is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Minnesota. His areas of research expertise are diverse and include molecular biology, genomics, bioinformatics, and pathogen discovery. Peter leads a research laboratory at the University of Minnesota and the lab focuses on the development of novel molecular diagnostic tools, identification of emerging zoonotic diseases, and origin of neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer's Disease.

Dr. Larsen has published 50 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals as well as three book chapters. His work at Duke University on Alzheimer's Disease resulted in the filing of a patent in 2017 and a private donation of $350,000 to support his work. Peter's research program is international, and he has led and participated in expeditions to Borneo, the Caribbean, Ecuador, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, and Mexico. Many of these expeditions focused on species discovery and pathogen surveillance in small mammals and, to date, Dr. Larsen has described a new species of bat and identified multiple novel pathogens circulating in the lemurs of Madagascar. In 2011, Peter served as a contractor for the United States Department of State and he travelled to Baghdad, Iraq to establish connections with Iraqi scientists involved with Iraq's historical nuclear energy program. His research has been highlighted by National
Geographic, Vox News, STAT News, and Minnesota Public Radio. His latest work at the University of Minnesota has resulted in over $2,000,000 in grant funding to support his research lab. Peter has served as a mentor for over 20 undergraduate and graduate students throughout his career.

Dr. Larsen has received several awards including the Duke University Postdoctoral Award for Professional Development and the highest student honor from the American Society of Mammalogists, the prestigious ASM Fellowship of Mammalogy.

Peter met his wife, Roxy, in the Caribbean during a research expedition and their first meal together was a can of Spam shared on the side of a volcano on the island of Saint Vincent. Roxy is originally from Arlington, South Dakota and she also earned a PhD in Biology at Texas Tech University. Roxy is an anatomist who taught as an Assistant Professor at the Duke University Medical School and she is now an Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota, specializing in veterinary anatomy and education.

Congratulations to our Watchdog Hall of Fame Academics/Achievement inductee, Dr. Peter Larsen!
Mr. Dennis Hegg graduated from Dell Rapids High School in 1964, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana College in 1968, and his Master of Music degree from the University of South Dakota in 1976.

Mr. Hegg taught for 33 years in public schools at Baltic, Beresford, Dell Rapids, and Madison. He elevated the Beresford High School Band to excellence during his eight years as the band director from 1971-79. During his time at Beresford, Mr. Hegg had 29 students selected to the South Dakota All-State Band and Orchestra. His Beresford High School bands won numerous awards and honors while he instilled a love of music in hundreds of students. This success continued throughout his entire career. Mr. Hegg had a zest for directing marching band for which he composed drum cadences.

In his first year as the band director at Beresford High School in 1971-72, his marching band won both the field and street competition at the Band Days in Brookings, SD. That same year, he also had five seniors and one junior selected to All-State Band, including Paul Runyan who was chosen as the section principal of the tubas. Paul was one of 101 high school students in the United States selected to the McDonald’s All-American Marching Band and marched in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City and the New Years’ Day Parade at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. Mr. Hegg’s BHS Concert Band received superior ratings at the Region Large Group Contest and his concert band was selected as one of two bands to play at the annual SD Bandmasters Convention.

During Mr. Hegg’s second year in 1972-73, the BHS Marching Band and Concert Band traveled to Winnipeg, Canada for the Manitoba Manisphere and they came home with the Class “A” Concert and Class “A” Marching Band first place trophies. The BHS Marching Band also won the
Dakota Wesleyan University Blue and White Days Marching Band competition. Once again, Mr. Hegg’s BHS Concert Band received superior ratings at the Region Large Group Contest.

During the summer of 1973, Mr. Hegg’s BHS Marching Band traveled to the Indianapolis 500. During the 1973-74 school year, the BHS Marching Band won the American Legion Convention Marching Contest in Sioux Falls. He had five students that were selected to All-State Band. His small groups and ensembles competed at Mitchell and came home with first place.

During the 1974-75 school year, the BHS Marching Band received first place in both the field and street marching competitions at the Luverne Tri-State Festival. Once again, five students were selected to the All-State Band and one student to All-State Orchestra. In June, the band traveled to Illinois for the Midwest National Band Competition.

During the 1975-76 school year, six students were selected to All-State Band.

During the 1976-77 school year, the BHS Marching Band won the field competition at the Tri-State Band Festival in Luverne. They also won the field competition at Sioux Falls College Band Festival. One student was selected into the All-State Orchestra and one student was selected into All-State Band. BHS band students received eleven superior ratings at the Region Solo and Ensemble Contest.

During the 1977-78 school year, the BHS Band raised enough money to go on a band trip to Canada. Their annual beef dinner, paper drives, and picking up corn in farmers’ fields helped raise the needed funds. Four students were selected to All-State Band.

The 1978-79 school year was Mr. Hegg’s last year as the director of the BHS Band. One student was selected into the All-State Band. From the 1979 annual, “We would like to acknowledge the people who received special awards and say a special thanks to Mr. Hegg for a job well done. This is the last year that the ‘Beresford High School Band’ will be under the ‘Direction of Mr. Dennis Hegg.’ Under his guidance and firm hand, the band was able to win many trophies and feel a special pride for being a part of such a fine group. He will leave in everyone’s mind, memories that can never be replaced.”

In 1995, Mr. Hegg served as Master of Ceremonies for the Sioux Falls Municipal Band and became their director in 1996 and 1997. In 1997, the Spirit of Madison Marching Band performed in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California. Mr. Hegg was the director of bands at Dakota State University from 2001 until his retirement in 2009. Prior to that, he was a former president and secretary-treasurer of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association. In 2003, he was awarded the National Citation for Music by the National Federation of High Schools. In March of 2012, Mr. Hegg was inducted into the South Dakota Band Masters Hall of Fame.

Mr. Hegg was very active in the communities of the schools that he taught. He directed church choirs, dozens of plays and musicals, and organized a gospel group in Beresford for which he sang, wrote songs, and played guitar. Mr. Hegg was a charter member of the Optimist Club in Dell Rapids and held the office of District Lieutenant Governor. He served on the Madison School Board and was president of the St. John Lutheran Church congregation in Madison.
Mr. Hegg passed away on June 23, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Barbara of Sioux Falls and his three sons, Jeremy, Jason (daughter Allison), and Jonathon of Sioux Falls. His legacy and passion for the love of music lives on through his sons (the Hegg Brothers) and all of the students, schools, and communities that he influenced throughout his life.

Congratulations to the family of Mr. Dennis Hegg, our Watchdog Hall of Fame Fine Arts inductee!
Natalie (Carda) Board, a 2005 BHS graduate, was a stellar student-athlete at Beresford High School and she earned seventeen varsity letters in the sports of Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, and Track and Field. She was also involved in Band, Girls’ State, National Honor Society, Kennel Club, Student Government, Quiz Bowl, Debate, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Homecoming Royalty.

**Volleyball**

Natalie was a four-year letter winner and three-year starter for the Watchdog Volleyball Team. She was an outside left hitter for our Volleyball team that won its first and only State “A” title in 2002. She helped lead the Watchdogs to the State “A” Volleyball Tourney appearances in 2003 (8th place) and 2004 (5th place) as well. Natalie helped lead the Watchdog Volleyball Teams to District and Region titles in 2002, 2003, and 2004. She was named to the Big Sioux Conference Volleyball First Team in 2002, 2003, and 2004. Natalie was named to the All-Region Volleyball First Team in 2002, 2003, and 2004. She was named the Region 4A Volleyball Player of the Year in 2004. Natalie was named to the Class “A” All-Tournament Team in 2002 and 2004. She was named to the Class “A” All-State Volleyball First Team in 2003 and 2004. Natalie was named to the Academic All-State Volleyball Team her senior year as well.
Cross Country
Natalie was a three-year letter winner in cross-country and a two-time State Cross Country Meet participant. She was named the MVP in cross-country her eighth grade year.

Basketball
Natalie was a four-year letter winner and a three-year starter for the Watchdog Girls Basketball Team. She was the center/forward on her basketball team and helped lead the Watchdogs to Big Sioux Conference Championships in 2003 and 2004, a District title in 2003, a Region title in 2003, and 3rd place finish at the State “A” Tourney in 2003.

As a freshman, Natalie was named to the Big Sioux Conference Second Team and All-Region Second Team. As a sophomore, she was named to the Big Sioux Conference First Team, Big Sioux Conference Most Valuable Player, All-Region First Team, Class “A” All-Tournament Team, and Class “A” All-State Basketball Second Team. As a junior, Natalie was named Team Captain, Big Sioux Conference First Team, Big Sioux Conference Most Valuable Player, All-Region First Team, Class “A” All-State First Team, Argus Leader Elite Five Second Team, and AAU All-American First Team. As a senior, she was named Team Captain, Big Sioux Conference First Team, Big Sioux Conference Most Valuable Player, All-Region First Team, Class “A” All-State First Team, Argus Leader Elite Five First Team, South Dakota Basketball Coaches’ Association Class “A” Player of the Year, and South Dakota Miss Basketball Nominee. Natalie was named to the Academic All-State Basketball Team her senior year as well.

Natalie is the Beresford High School record holder for career points, career rebounds, career steals, most points in one game, most points in a season, and best field goal percentage in a season. She was named to the South Dakota All-Decade (1996-2005) First Team.

Track and Field
Natalie was a six-year letter winner in track and field. She was an integral member of our track and field teams that had two State “A” Track and Field Runner-up Team finishes in 2002 and 2003. Natalie was a State Track and Field participant for four years and earned five state medalist honors in the shot put and discus. As a sophomore in 2003, Natalie placed 6th in the discus. As a junior in 2004, she placed fifth in the shot put and sixth in the discus. As a senior in 2005, Natalie placed third in the shot put and fifth in the discus. For a number of years, she had the school record in the shot put. Natalie and her teammates led the Watchdog Girls’ Track and Field Teams to Big Sioux Conference and Regional titles in 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005. She was named to the Academic All-State Track and Field Team her senior year as well.

Other Honors as a BHS Senior
During her senior year, Natalie earned prestigious academic and athletic honor awards, including: the President’s Education Award for Academic Excellence, South Dakota Board of
Regents Scholar Diploma; United States Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award; and the United States Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award.

Natalie was named to the Girls and Women in Sports “Elite 15” senior females athletes in the state of South Dakota and received their Sports Leadership Award. She was the state winner in the “Wendy’s High School Heisman” Award program in 2005. Natalie was selected as the female winner out of a pool of 115 nominated seniors in South Dakota. She was selected for the Heisman Award based on her excellent achievement in academics, athletics, and community service.

**Post-High School**

After high school, Natalie played basketball as a freshman at South Dakota State University. At SDSU, she earned the Newcomer of the Week Award. She then transferred to the University of South Dakota and played basketball for the Coyotes. During her time at USD, the Coyote women won several North Central Conference Championships and in 2008, the Coyotes won the North Central Region title and were the NCAA Division II National Runner-up.

The 2007-08 South Dakota women's basketball team enjoyed a season of historic proportions. The Coyotes finished 33-2 and advanced to the Division II National Championship game before falling to Northern Kentucky in the finals. South Dakota finished the season ranked No. 2 in the USA Today/Division II Coaches Poll, the highest ranking in school history. South Dakota won the North Central Conference with a 12-0 record and set a school record with a 31-game winning streak. The Coyotes captured the North Central Region title for the first time ever and earned a berth in the national championship game with two thrilling wins in the quarterfinals and semifinals.

The 2007-08 Coyotes Women’s Basketball Team was inducted into the Coyote Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

Natalie graduated from USD with a Nursing degree in 2009. Natalie is now a professor at USD teaching nursing classes to undergraduates. Natalie and her husband Casey live in Beresford and have a baby daughter named Bria.

Congratulations to our Watchdog Hall of Fame Athletics inductee, Mrs. Natalie (Carda) Board.
Mr. Kenneth Bonte graduated from Garretson High School in 1968. He then attended Worthington State Junior College in Minnesota for two years. At Worthington, he played safety in football and there, he was introduced to the sport of wrestling. In his second year at Worthington, he qualified for the National Junior College Wrestling Tourney. Mr. Bonte then attended Southern State Teachers College in Springfield, South Dakota where he played safety on the football team and wrestled for two years. He graduated with his bachelor’s degree in education from Southern State in 1972.

Mr. Bonte spent his entire 34-year teaching and coaching career in the Beresford School District, 1972-2006. During his time at Beresford High School, Mr. Bonte taught the following courses: Biology, Anatomy, Sociology, American Government, Health, and Physical Education. He was an Assistant Wrestling Coach for one year prior to becoming the Watchdogs Head Wrestling Coach for the next 33 years. Coach Bonte was an Assistant Varsity Football Coach for 25 years, Head Cross Country coach for one year, and an Assistant Track and Field Coach for a few years. Since his retirement from teaching, Coach Bonte has served as a volunteer and assistant wrestling coach at BHS for three head wrestling coaches. He is currently an Assistant Wrestling Coach for the Beresford/Alcester-Hudson Wrestling team.

coaches’ polls. The Watchdog Football Team won its first State 11B Championship in the playoff system in 1987.


As the Head Wrestling Coach, Coach Bonte led the Watchdogs to eight “Top 10” finishes at the State “B” Wrestling Tourney. In 1981, he helped lead the Watchdog Wrestling Team to a 3rd place finish at the State “B” Wrestling Tourney. He coached Beresford High School’s first two individual state champions in wrestling that season, Ted Lyle at 155 and Koln Knight at 167. At the State “B” Tournaments, his wrestling teams also received 5th place in 1976, 8th place in 1977, and 8th place in 1984.

Recently, during his time as an Assistant Wrestling Coach, the Watchdog Wrestling Team placed four times in the top 8 at the State “B” Wrestling Tourney: 7th place in 2013, 3rd place in 2014, 7th place in 2015, and 4th place in 2016. Then in 2017, the first year of our wrestling cooperative with Alcester-Hudson, the Beresford/Alcester-Hudson (BAH) Wrestling Team won the State “B” Championship for the first time in school history. BAH had a record four individual state champions—Kellyn March (106), Dakota Galt (145), Ty Haneke (170), and Nick Casperson (182).

During the course of Coach Bonte’s career as a head and assistant wrestling coach, Beresford had 11 state champions, 10 state runner-ups, and 80 state medalists.

During the course of his life, Mr. Bonte has been committed to physical fitness and has been an avid runner. He has participated in numerous road races, half marathons, and nine full marathons. His best marathon time was 2 hours, 49 minutes, and 47 seconds at the Grandma’s Marathon in Duluth, MN. Recently in 2017, Coach Bonte participated in the USA Masters Wrestling in Las Vegas, Nevada and won the gold medal in Greco-Roman and silver medal in Freestyle.

During his coaching career, Coach Bonte was nominated four times for the South Dakota Wrestling Coach of the Year. In February, 2009 Coach Bonte was inducted into the South Dakota High School Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame.
Mr. Bonte and his late wife Deb have three daughters—Alexia, Brooke, and Corrisa—all graduates of Beresford High School. Mr. Bonte has three grandchildren—granddaughter Stella and twin grandsons Cael and Cain.

Congratulations to our Watchdog Hall of Fame Athletics inductee, Mr. Kenneth Bonte!
Athletics

1979 BHS Watchdog Boys’ Basketball Team—State “B” Runner-up

Back Row (left to right): Head Coach Jim Sorensen, Phil Thompson, J.K. Dolan, Jerry Zeimetz, Todd Hansen, Keith Larson, Todd Allmendinger, Kirk Knight, David Mohr, Brian Bak, and Assistant Coach Jim Babb.

Front Row (left to right): Student Manager Chuck Frieberg, Bill McGill, Brian Rick, Rex Fountain, and Student Manager Kenny Lang.

The 1978-79 Watchdog Boys Basketball Team had an outstanding season under Head Coach Jim Sorensen and Assistant Coach Jim Babb, compiling a record of 24-2. Their team captain, chosen by the players, was David Mohr.

The Watchdog Basketball team was fortunate to have a 12-man team where everyone worked for one another. Whether it was in practice or during a game, every member contributed a great amount to the success of the team.

The Watchdogs took a great deal of pride in their defense, holding their opponents to an average of 44.2 points per game. The only teams that got beyond 50 in the regular season were Canton and Alcester.

During the 1978-79 season, Keith Larson led the team with 471 points, followed by Brian Bak with 297, and Kirk Knight with 228. Bak was the leader with 96 assists, followed by Knight with 73, and David Mohr with 54. Larson led in rebounding with 302 defensive and offensive boards, followed by Todd Allmendinger with 127, and Knight with 117. Bak led in recoveries with 92 steals, followed by Larson with 53, and Mohr with 45. Todd Hansen led the Watchdogs with a 58.4% field goal percentage, while Knight led with 81.5% free throw percentage.
The games that kept fans standing throughout were with Alcester, where Kirk Knight made the final basket to win the game and with Armour in the State Championship where the Watchdogs lost in overtime. The Beresford-Armour game is one of the most famous state championship games in South Dakota sports history. In fact, the Sioux Falls Argus Leader and SDHS Hoops selected it as the greatest basketball game ever in South Dakota.

Their team achievements included the Big 8 Conference Regular Season Champions, District 22 Champions, Region 6 Champions, and State “B” Runner-up.

Those selected for the State “B” All-Tournament Team were Kirk Knight and Keith Larson. Brian Bak and Keith Larson were named to the Big 8 All-Conference Team with Kirk Knight receiving Honorable Mention. Keith Larson was named to the Class “B” All-State Second Team and Brian Bak was named to the Class “B” All-State Fourth Team.

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Congratulations to our Watchdog Hall of Fame Athletics Team inductees, the 1979 BHS Watchdog Boys’ Basketball Team!
Distinguished Service

Roger Webb Price was born on September 3, 1926 in Spirit Lake, Iowa, the youngest of four children of Lloyd and Eva Webb Price. Though he always considered himself of humble origins, both sides of his family had deep American roots. They could count six ancestors who came to America in 1620 aboard the Mayflower, one of whom had previously spent five years at Jamestown, Virginia. He had Dutch ancestors who were farming in New Amsterdam before it was called New York City. His lineage included several Revolutionary War patriots as well as William Crockett, older brother of the celebrated frontiersman, Davy Crockett. On the title page of a copy of Davy Crockett’s autobiography that Roger gave to his son, he had underlined Davy’s motto: “I leave this rule for others when I’m dead. Be always sure you’re right – then go ahead.”

Roger was a child of the Great Depression and WWII. His father was a bookkeeper and bank cashier who lost his job when the bank closed soon after the Depression began. He would remain underemployed until 1941 when he found work in Santa Monica, California at the Douglas Aircraft Plant. Unfortunately this meant that he was mostly absent during Roger’s high school years.

Roger’s mother was a teacher. During the Depression, she worked hard to support the family by teaching at a small country school. Roger learned from her that while you won’t get rich being a teacher it is nevertheless a good and honorable profession that can have a positive influence not just on individuals but on an entire community.
Roger also had the good fortune of having a great mentor, an uncle, John Webb, who taught and coached at Spirit Lake High School for over 40 years. John was already a local legend by that time and eventually he would become one of only a few coaches inducted into the Iowa state athletic halls of fame in all three sports that he coached: football, basketball and track. He not only implanted in Roger a love for sports but also the idea that coaching should be about much more than win-loss records. He believed that a coach first needed to instill a winning spirit in his players by treating them like winners and encouraging them to believe in themselves. Then he would teach them how they could be the best they can be through hard work, discipline and teamwork.

Not surprisingly then, coming out of high school Roger had a deep ambition to be a teacher and coach. World War II, however, would delay those ambitions. In 1944, just weeks after graduating from high school, Mr. Price enlisted in the US Navy Air Corps. He served for two years and was honorably discharged in June of 1946. That autumn he enrolled at Sioux Falls College where he studied to be a teacher and coach and played on the Braves’ football team. While at Sioux Falls College, he met a beautiful cheerleader by the name of Dolores Kremer who was also studying to be a teacher. She would become his wife in 1948. Together they would have three children, Barry, Debra and Lisa.

In 1950, Mr. Price graduated from Sioux Falls College with a Bachelor of Science degree. He spent his first year after college as a school counselor in the Sioux Falls school system but he had a deep desire to coach so in the fall of 1951 he accepted a job at Custer, SD to be a teacher and coach. He remained there until 1955 when he accepted a position in the Beresford public school system where he would be head football coach, teach biology, business math and driver education as well as coach JV basketball. Beresford appealed to him not just because of its record of excellence but also because it allowed him to be closer to his recently widowed mother and because it would allow him to complete work on a Master’s degree at the nearby University of South Dakota.

From 1955 through 1957, Mr. Price coached the Watchdog football teams to some memorable heights, including an undefeated season in 1956. He would always give his athletes the credit for their successes and he did have some great players on those teams, including Watchdog Hall of Fame members Joe Thorne and Bob Young.

Mr. Price completed his Master’s degree in School Administration during the summer of 1957. Also in 1957, he was hired to be the high school principal. When longtime superintendent, Milton Shennum, retired at the end of the 1958 spring term Mr. Price was hired to be the school superintendent, the position he held until his sudden death. A superintendent, with the guidance of the Board, is responsible for making many important decisions for the school system. Sometimes they may not be popular but Mr. Price had a supportive board and a great faculty and staff that made his job easier and the school system a great one. People like Royal Sweeley, Grace Kennedy, Milo Winter, Katherine Johnson, Eldred Chicoine, Bertha Nebelsieck, Harold Pruitt, Violet Jacobs, Clark Baird, Wayne Haensel, Mina Smith, George Ryan, Mary Corey,
Fred Guindon, Mike Bak, Louis VanderLaan, and Anita Girard, just to name a few, shared in the success. Throughout his career, Mr. Price was also a member of the following committees: the National Committee on Education, the National School Administration Board, the Sectional Basketball Committee, and the Section Track and Field Committee.

Mr. Price knew that community support was vital for the success of any school system. A successful sports program was just one way to help develop and maintain that support. He believed that great music and speech programs were equally important. He made a special effort to stay in touch with the local community and made many friends and acquaintances along the way. During the summer, under the guise of putting together the bus routes for the upcoming year, he would try to call upon as many of the rural families as he could. In addition to the school-related organizations, Mr. Price also belonged to the Beresford Lions Club, the American Legion, the Beresford Masonic Lodge, the Beresford Golf Club and he was a member of the Beresford Congregational United Church of Christ.

Mr. Price passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in December, 1963. The 1964 BHS Annual memorialized him thusly: “The years by themselves do not make a place historic. It is men who give the color of history to a place by their deeds there or by merely having lived there.” — Simeon Strunsky. In like manner, it is not the passing of time but the people who give color to Beresford High School. Each person adds to the history of our school, with his deeds or merely his presence. During the course of this past school year, Beresford High School lost the presence of just one of these people—Mr. Roger Price, who as a distinguished, honored, and respected administrator will be remembered for his interest and enthusiasm in all aspects of school life.”

Shortly after Mr. Price’s passing a group of friends and local businesspersons established the Roger Price Memorial Student Loan Fund as a memorial in remembrance of the young superintendent’s life and work. Later, the Roger Price Memorial Scholarship was added in his memory. The primary function of the Roger Price Memorial Student Loan Fund is to provide competitive priced, low-interest loans for the purpose of higher education to all Beresford graduates. Over the years, hundreds of BHS graduates have continued their post-high school education plans as a direct result of the support from the Roger Price Memorial Student Loan Fund and Roger Price Memorial Scholarships. Today, the Roger Price Memorial Student Loan Fund has net assets of over $700,000. Mr. Price always believed that a higher education should be an opportunity afforded to any student who earnestly pursued it, regardless of economic circumstances. He, himself, was an example of what a person could accomplish with a lot of hard work and some help along the way.

Congratulations to the family of Mr. Roger Price, our Watchdog Hall of Fame Distinguished Service inductee!
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Pictured left to right: Brigadier General Russ A. Walz, Mr. Ted Heeren, Mr. Bob Young, Dr. Rosanne (Fitzgerald) Kirts, Mr. Koln Knight, Dr. Luke Nordquist, Mr. Scott Latendresse, Mrs. Sandra (Erickson) Carnes, and Dr. Elizabeth Grace-Cruz (for her mother, Dr. Helen (Kennedy) Grace).

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Dr. Luke Nordquist ‘87
Brigadier General Russ A. Walz ‘80

Fine Arts

Mr. Ted Heeren ‘95
Mr. Scott Latendresse ‘74

Athletics

Mrs. Sandra (Erickson) Carnes ‘82
Mr. Koln Knight ‘81
Mr. Bob Young ‘57

Distinguished Service

Dr. Helen (Kennedy) Grace ‘53
Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2017

Pictured left to right: Mr. Tim Thorne (for his brother, the late 1st Lt. Josef L. Thorne), Mrs. Ann (Goltz) Tornberg, Mr. Jim Sorensen, Mr. Milo Winter, Mrs. Mara (McGill) Seier, Mr. Cortland Carnes, Mr. Jim Heeren, and Mrs. Jane Carlson (for her mother, the late Mrs. Grace (Kylling) Kennedy

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Mrs. Ann (Goltz) Tornberg ‘74

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Mrs. Grace (Kylling) Kennedy ‘47

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1st Lieutenant Josef L. Thorne ‘58

**Distinguished Service**

Mr. Cortland Carnes
Beresford School District  
Nominating Form for the 2020 Watchdog Hall of Fame  
Due by February 15th, 2020

Nominee: ___________________________________________ (does not have to be a graduate of BHS)

Nominee’s Address (if known): ________________________________

Year of Graduation: __________________ E-Mail Address (if known): __________________

Nominators, please select from one of the following categories:

○ Academics/ Achievement
○ Fine Arts

Athletics
Distinguished Service

Briefly explain why you feel this individual deserves to be honored as a member of the Watchdog Hall of Fame:

Nominator’s Name: ________________________________________

Nominator’s Address: ______________________________________

Nominator’s E-mail Address: _________________________________

The Nomination Review Committee will request supporting documentation from each qualified nominee. Only those nominees who submit information/documentation will be considered for induction by the Selection Committees.

Academics/Achievement - This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose academic records and achievements set them apart from their peers. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, administration, school board, volunteers, or general public.

Fine Arts - This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose fine arts accomplishments set them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional levels. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, administrations, volunteers, or general public.
Athletics - This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose accomplishments on the fields of competition set them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional levels. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, coaches, administration, volunteers, or general public.

Distinguished Service - This category can include Beresford High School graduates and others who did not graduate from Beresford High School. The recipient must have served the Beresford School District and/or in the Beresford area in an exceptional manner. The recipient must come from the Hall of Fame nomination applications and be recommended by the Distinguished Service Committee or one of the other three Hall of Fame pillar sub-committees. It is not required that this award by given out yearly.

Please submit completed nomination forms by February 15th, 2020 to brian.field@k12.sd.us or by mail to the Beresford School District, Hall of Fame, 301 West Maple, Beresford, SD 57004.
Thank You

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