



Dave and Carol Finstad recently celebrated 50 years of marriage on October 12, 2013. "I walked her down the aisle the second time when we got married," says Dave. The couple were ring bearer and flower girl in 1949 when both were about six years old at the wedding of his uncle Gilman Bjerke and her cousin Dorothy Hilmo. "Our whole life has been a blessing," say the couple who have worked together and played together the last 50 years which they say has strengthened their marriage along with a deep faith in God.

A 50-year wedding anniversary had a walk-down-the-aisle beginning, in May of 1949

Not too many can say they walked down the aisle for the second time with the same person on their wedding day. But Dave and Carol Finstad of Bradley have.

At St. John's Lutheran Church in Bradley on October 12, 1963, Dave Finstad and Carol Hilmo walked down the aisle deeply in love with each other to be married. When they took the trip down the aisle at six years old, it was a different story.

"I didn't want to do it, when I heard I had to walk down the aisle with him," laughs Carol. "My mom had to talk me into it. Even then, I wouldn't hold his hand or put my arm in his. 'No way am I gonna do that,' I remember telling my mom. My grandmother Julia Hilmo made my dress and she made one exactly like it for my doll. I still have both dresses. They were white with a yellow ribbon and yellow flowers on the ribbon. And I got to get new saddle shoes for the wedding. That was a big deal back then."

Dave and Carol grew up about three miles from each other but went to different schools and churches when both were young. Dave's parents were Lester and Helga Finstad and Carol's were Roy and Margaret Hilmo. They both attended Bradley High School. "For some reason I didn't like him in high school either, I decided," says Carol. "It wasn't until we were both out of school that we had our first date."

"My dad had always told me, 'Why don't you take Carol Hilmo

out?', added Dave. "I was more into cars than girls in high school. And I knew I had a challenge with her as she wasn't interested in me."

"I caught her one rainy night in Bradley. She had her mom's car and I was cruising around in my 55 Chevy. I asked if I could follow her home as it was pouring out and we both knew her road was bad. As I pulled up in her driveway, I asked if she'd go to the movies with me and she said yes. I was one happy country boy."

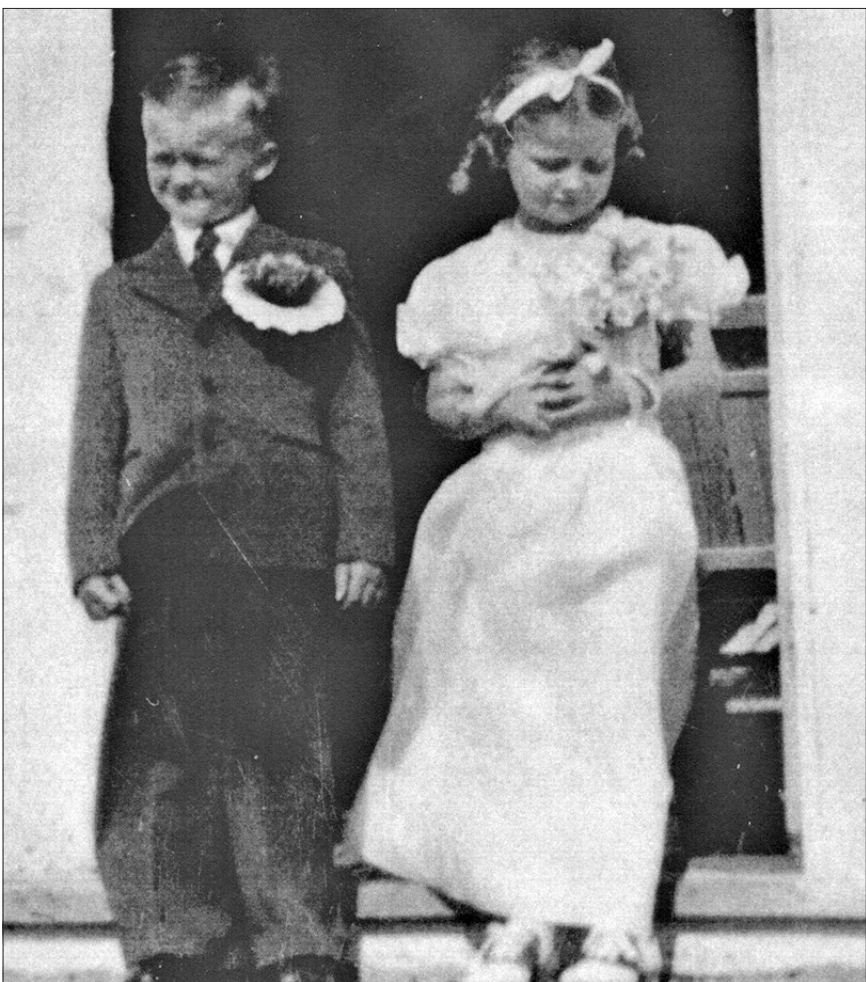
"I came in the house and thought about it and decided I didn't want to go," stated Carol. "I told my mom about it and she told me, 'No. You are sticking to your word and going out with him.'"

"That was the second time she told me I had to go with you," Carol teased Dave.

"Well you must have kinda liked me or you wouldn't have sewed that new dress for our date," replied Dave. Carol was living in Aberdeen during the week and working and hadn't brought home any good clothes that weekend to her parents' home. They were both 19 years old and Dave lived in Brookings during the week, attending SDSU in Ag Production. Carol was working at First National Bank in Aberdeen.

Carol made herself a new green and white checkered dress for their date the next day and wore it that night to the movies in Webster with Dave. They went to the A&W after their date and the romance began.

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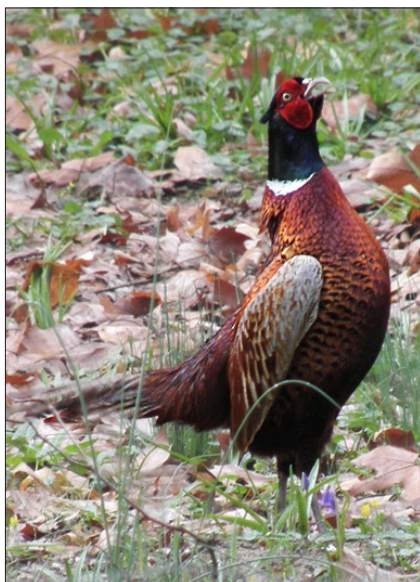
"She wasn't too serious about me then," laughs Dave Finstad of the time when he walked Carol Hilmo down the aisle on May 29, 1949. He was the ring bearer and Carol was the flower girl at Gilman and Dorothy (Hilmo) Bjerke's wedding at Crocker Lutheran Church. "My mom made me do it. I didn't want to when I heard it was him I had to walk down with," laughs Carol.

Pheasant season opener is Saturday

This is the 95th edition of South Dakota's annual pheasant hunting season and the outlook for 2013 is similar to 2012, but numbers seem to be down from the 10-year average.

Weather always plays a significant role on opening weekend and the weather forecast is pretty average for the third weekend of October, highs in the 50's, lows in the 30's and (hopefully) dry.

One hunting item that is being emphasized this year deals with party hunting daily limits. It reads: Any of two or more people who mutually agree to hunt small game as a party and who maintain visual and unaided vocal contact may take more than one daily limit of small game. However, the total number of small game taken by the party may not exceed the aggregate daily limit for all members of the party who are licensed to take and possess small game. This section does not apply to any big game license or



The big day is almost here. Predictions for the area are that hunting will be spotty at best. With hard work, pockets of birds will be found, but more than likely the cackle of the rooster will not be heard. "Maybe you'll get lucky. Maybe you'll have to focus on other aspects of the hunt," said Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Kyle Lenzner.

any tag issued as a part of a hunting license nor does this section apply to hunting of migratory birds. The provisions of this section do not apply to any person who hunts small game in more than one party



Clark County Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Kyle Lenzner is looking forward to the 2013 non-resident pheasant opener this Saturday, October 19.

Much emphasis has been placed on the fact that pheasant numbers are down this fall due to weather phenomena and lack of habitat.

in one day.

Lenzner basically interpreted this to mean: "If you go out with one party in the morning and get your limit, don't go out with another party in the afternoon, because you've already gotten your limit."

The season runs from October 19 until January 5, 2014.

Finding and shooting the elusive Chinese Ringneck Pheasant begins this Saturday, for out of state residents.

Hunters from all over the country flock to South Dakota for the opening weekend of the pheasant season.

"I'm amazed at the number of people who ask me about pheasant numbers," said Clark County G,F&P conservation officer Kyle Lenzner.

What he has been telling those who inquire, "If you put the time in, you're going to find some birds and have some fun."

The conservation officer stated that in Clark County there are more birds on the western edge, in the valley, because of the consistent habitat.

"It's not always about shooting the birds, it's about getting out there - shooting birds is a bonus -

it's about having fun," said Lenzner.

Season Dates

In most of South Dakota the season runs from October 19 through January 5, 2014.

Shooting Hours

From October 19 through October 25, the shooting hours are noon Central Daylight Time to sunset. For the rest of the season, shooting hours are 10:00 a.m. Central Time to sunset. Central time is used statewide for opening shooting hours. "Early in the season, late afternoon/evenings will be the best hunting," the G,F&P officer opined.

Daily/possession limits

The daily limit is three cock pheasants. The possession limit is 15 pheasants taken according to the daily limit. An individual hunter can possess no more than three pheasants on the Saturday of opening weekend and up to six on Sunday. To possess another hunter's birds, a free transportation permit must be obtained from a G,F&P conservation officer. Arranging for this permit should be handled well in advance of opening day. Transportation permits are not issued as a means of allowing the daily/possession limits to be exceeded.

"If you hunted last year, that's what I would expect this year," said Lenzner in response to the aforementioned paragraph. "I have had hunters tell me 'I would rather go out and hunt half the day, than go out and get my birds in the first few minutes'."

Lenzner is shown by CRP south of Clark.

Top 10 reasons pheasant hunters will be in the fields this weekend

10. To get some exercise and get in shape.
 9. To check out their properties and see what has changed from past years.
 8. To take their K-9 companions out hunting.
 7. To spend time in the great outdoors and enjoy the fall.
 6. To dust off an old shot gun or to break in a new one.
 5. To have an excuse for getting out of doing those chores around the house that have been getting put off all summer.
 4. To have a chance at harvesting a pheasant.
 3. To make new friends or meet some new acquaintances.
 2. To spend time with friends and family.
 1. To keep up old traditions or start new.
- Whatever your reasons may be, have fun, stay safe and good luck to you.

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Board accepts school counselor's resignation at October meeting

After a forty-five minute executive session at the October meeting of the Clark School Board, Monday night, the resignation of K-12 counselor Kandice Schlager was accepted.

In a telephone interview Tuesday morning, Clark School superintendent Brian Heupel stated that she (Schlager) turned in her resignation and the board accepted it. That is all he wished to say on this subject.

After approving Schlager's resignation the board then accepted the signed contract of Ashley Price as Clark School K-12 counselor. Price will begin her duties this week.

The public portion of the October school board meeting prior to executive session was fairly pedestrian.

Land acquisition(s), going paperless for board meetings and continuing to find a date for a goal-setting workshop were the main discussions of the 75-minute open meeting.

Bus manager Dan Duenwald met with the board and he is interested in purchasing a portion of land owned by the school between the school's bus garage and St. Boniface Cemetery, on the northern edge of the city. The lot in discussion would be approximately 200' x 400'.

Duenwald told the board that he would erect a storage/office building in this space for his bus business, as he needs added space to work on equipment and store buses.

Clark superintendent Heupel then described the lot owned by the school, what portion Duenwald was interested in, and how or how not the school would be impacted going forward.

Heupel and Duenwald will stake out the approximate lot and board members will have time prior to the November meeting to research and check out this property.

The board also discussed the potential school land acquisition north of the football practice field, between the city dump and the golf course. Their bid of \$4,500 was rejected by the owner, it was announced, so the school will not be committing to anything at this time, noted Heupel.

Starting at the November meeting of the Clark School Board, the board will be going paperless for the meetings, so the October meeting was used by computer technology coordinator Brenda Jenkins to have a mini-training on the lap tops along with user names and passwords.

Regarding the goal session workshop planning date, the board is looking at Wednesday, January 15 for this strategic planning session.

In other business:

▲ Business manager Heidi Sigdestad talked about the audit proposal of \$7,500 for fiscal year 2013

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Kim Taylor is the new librarian at the Emil M. Larson Library in Clark and is very excited about her new position. "I love books. Libraries are incredible. There's a plethora of resources and materials and information in here I can help you find. If we don't have it, we'll find out how you can get it."

Kim Taylor is the new Clark librarian

"I've got visions for this little library," says an enthusiastic Kim Taylor who is the new librarian at the Emil M. Larson Library in Clark.

"This is your library and it needs the support and participation from the community to survive. I just love it here," continues Taylor. "I'm

really excited about this position. My goal is to provide an atmosphere and environment to be able to curl up with a good book. To make a place conducive to curling up and getting lost in a story."

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