



# Bensley-Rounds Post 280

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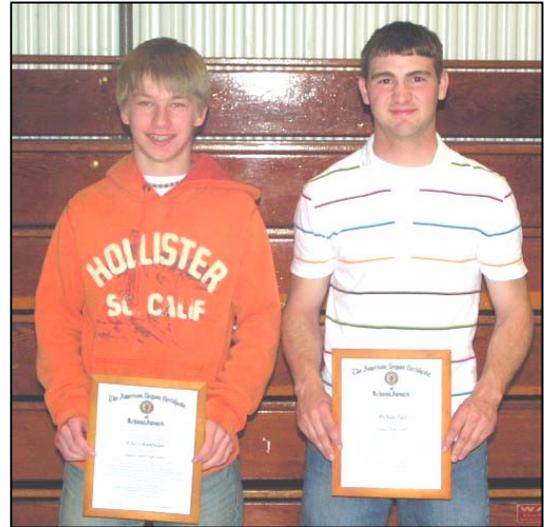
Next Meeting – June 5, 2008  
Time: 7:30 pm.  
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Keep the Dream Alive”  
2008 Membership: 103.74%

All members are invited and encouraged to attend meetings as your input is always desired and necessary. If you want your opinion voiced and your vote to count, then please come to the meetings. This is the only way that this will happen.

The pancake/French toast breakfast held on May 18<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Thank you to Annette Dunham, Carl Matter and Brent Matter, and Dale Kopplin, for all the help and hard work. The next date will be June 8, 2008 and will be for the Junior Auxiliary by the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 280.

The Iroquois Community Club and the Post will host a fund raising Breakfast feed on Saturday, April 26, 2008 for Ron Frankfurth Jr. who was critically injured in a recent car accident south of Cavour. We had an outstanding turnout in spite of Mother Nature's bad attitude the Friday before. We raised about \$2700 for RJ, Thanks to all from his family!



Congratulations to Good Citizenship recipients, Michael Fast (right), Senior, and Eric Schoenfelder (left), 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Fast is the son of Wayne and Cheri Fast of rural Yale and Schoenfelder is the son of Terry and Lou Ann Schoenfelder of rural Iroquois.

Also during the Athletics Banquet on April 30, 2008, Joe and Lynette Spanbauer were presented with a Blue Star Banner in honor of their son Brian who is in the US Air Force. Also the third grade class was honored for their support in the morale and well-being of Christopher Hampton during his tour in Afghanistan. Hampton is the husband of Don DeJong's grand daughter Krista. The third graders were given Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the Hamptons. Thank you kids and Mrs. Wienbar for your service to our country.



Congratulations to Annette Dunham on her selection as the District 2 Legionnaire of the Year for 2008. Good Luck in the Department competition!

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Membership is outstanding as we have reached 100 percent plus with 111 (this might be an all time high) members paid for the 2008 year. We have 2 people who have yet to pay their dues. Please get them paid as soon as possible. I would like to welcome Milo DeJong of Cavour, Joseph Pederson of Carthage.

Also while looking for Post members, don't forget to recruit SAL and Auxiliary members, as they are an important part of our family, and family is a great place to start. Get them involved and our Post could be even better than it is. Dues are Post \$25 (\$30 for 2009 year), SAL \$10, Auxiliary \$10, and Jr Auxiliary is \$2. These are low costs for membership in the greatest organization for veterans. And the benefits will pay for these costs over and over. And most importantly, you get a voice in your veteran's rights and benefits.

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 280 NEWS

Squadron 280's own Brent Matter has been selected as the Detachment of South Dakota Son of the Year for 2008. Congratulations to Brent and good luck at the Detachment level. He is the son of Carl and Linda Matter of rural Cavour and is a freshman at Iroquois High School.



Checkout the Website at: [www.americanlegionsd280.org](http://www.americanlegionsd280.org)

Raymond P. Giehll Jr., the Sons of The American Legion National Commander has instituted the annual National Veterans Assistance Day, on May 17, 2008.



We served about 20 veterans and family at the supper on May 17, 2008 and some veterans stayed and chatted with friends during the entire 3 hours. This was a success and the Squadron is looking forward to next year.

The Squadron membership is now 100% renewed with 14 new members. Currently the Squadron is at 37 members 154.17% goal and growing.

The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of South Dakota, is selling tickets for a Benelli Nova 12 gauge 3 1/2 " Magnum Shot Gun as a fund raiser. The gun has two additional chokes and a hard case. Tickets are available from Squadron members; they are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Drawing date is to be set at the April Executive Committee meeting, and is at the Detachment Convention June 14, 2008. The winner may choose from the shot gun or \$300 in cash at that time. Last call as the drawing is June 14, 2008.

Too often, users believe that computers are some sort of a magic box that can solve any problem. In reality, computers merely do repetitive tasks very quickly. If those tasks are designed incorrectly, it merely enables someone to make many mistakes in an astonishingly small amount of time. — Buck Woody

Bingo has been cancelled until further notice due to a lack of workers and players. However, at the last Iroquois Community Club/Sports Day Committee meeting, it was suggested to try a once a month bingo day rather than stopping bingo completely. I think it would be a possibility, what do you think? Let us know one way or another, your opinion is important.

The next Kingsbury County Meeting will be held in Oldham at 8:00PM on September 24, 2008. Also there will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony at

7:30PM before the meeting. Colin Royal was elected as Kingsbury County Commander on April 30, 2008.



Similar photo of the ATV being raffled.

Kingsbury County is also selling tickets for a chance on an Arctic Cat H1 650 4X4 ATV. They are \$20 each and there are 770 tickets. This is a fund raiser for the Kingsbury County Boys State Scholarship fund. The drawing will be held after all the tickets are sold. The drawing has been set for November 11, 2008 at the Veterans Day program. There are plenty of tickets to go around so get yours now.

"When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on." -- Franklin D. Roosevelt

**AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS**

Congratulations to Zona Zeeck, who was selected as Legionnette of the Year for 2007 for District 2 Auxiliary. Good luck goes out to her in the Department competition.



Congratulations to Good Citizenship recipients, Emily Lynch (right), Senior, and Jessica Peterson (left), 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



Lynch is the daughter of Jim & Sandy Lynch of Iroquois and Peterson is the daughter of Kevin & Tami Peterson of Iroquois.

The Junior Auxiliary along with the SAL Squadron has elected to run the concession stand for Sports Day on July 12-13, 2008. This is to supplement their operational funds for the year, so if you would like to donate time or product, please, they will be happy to accept it.

The Memorial Day program went well .Our speaker was Gunner Baatrup, who is the immediate Past Department Commander of South Dakota. Music was provided by Phyllis Clarey of Carthage. Thank you to all who set out Flags May 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, and thank you to all who help with collecting them on the 26<sup>th</sup>. I am not sure on who all was there so I won't list the names.

We need to inventory the Flag pipes in the park near the railroad due to the train derailment dug a couple up and they were not replaced. We will need to get this done soon.

With bingo canceled, we need to look at other forms of fund raising for the Post. We really did not make much the last few years of bingo, BUT that money will be missed and needs to be replaced. So if you have ideas or thoughts on this, come to the meeting and pipe up.



Jami Schoenfelder @ **352-5659**  
or the VA, John Huntington @  
**1-800-316-8387, ext. 6551.**

Give your name, last 4 of SSN, date  
and time of your appointment(s),  
your address and phone.

On that note, Colin Royal has two new inflatable bounce houses for a new business he is starting, and he is willing to donate all proceeds to the Post for Sports Day July 12<sup>th</sup>. All the Post has to do is provide workers to sell and take tickets and to monitor the kids in the bouncers for safety. If it is too windy, these units can be set up inside the Post as they are 7 feet or less in height.

Listening in on a conversation this past weekend, there are many veterans graves which are not marked with a service organization or service marker in many of the local cemeteries in the area. One place in particular was the Cavour Cemetery that was mentioned. This is something that should probably be addressed with all of the Veterans Service Groups alike.

Check these sites for Iroquois as they are updated often: [iroquois.communityblogs.us](http://iroquois.communityblogs.us) and [www.iroquoissd.com](http://www.iroquoissd.com) They, along with the school website, [www.iroquois.k12.sd.us](http://www.iroquois.k12.sd.us), have some good information that we all can use for our community.

If you would like to add something to the newsletter, please get it to Colin Royal or Myron Zeeck and we'll include it for you. Copies of the newsletter

and the upcoming agenda are also available at the Post website at [www.americanlegionsd280.org](http://www.americanlegionsd280.org) in PDF format.

Colin Royal, Commander

## The American Legion – It's Who We Are.

I can think of nothing more boring for the American people than to have to sit in their living rooms for a whole half hour looking at my face on their television screens.. –Dwight Eisenhower