Garage A Total Loss

Napoleon volunteer firefighters were summoned to the Betty Janke residence along the 600 and 700 block of 3rd Street West in Napoleon where an unattached garage was burning. Napoleon Fire Chief Marvin Lang said the 911 call came in at 3:35 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 and within two minutes the first firefighting rig was on scene. Lang said, “I’ve seen lots of fires in my life, but I’ve never seen something burn so fast.” Lang said by the time they were on site the building was totally engulfed in flames. A North Dakota assistant fire marshal from Bismarck viewed.

First UCC Church Will Have Last Service May 5

After providing a faith service for over 100 years, the last church service at First United Church of Christ in Gackle will be held on Sunday, May 5. According to a release from parishioner Brenda Krause, Gackle, the church will be closing its doors after over 113 years of Christian service to its members and the community. The final worship service will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the Gackle church. All are invited to join in worship to celebrate the Christian life of service which the church has provided to its members and the community. Former pastors and friends of the First UCC have been invited and the last

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service will also provide an opportunity for all to reconnect.

Following the service there will be a light lunch and a time of fellowship.

According to Krause currently the church only has 15 to 16 people attend Sunday services.

The last minister serving the church was Rick Steele and since December of 2018 last minister Adam Ost of Kulm has been serving the church.

History of First UCC

In 2006 The First Congregational United Church of Christ celebrated it’s 160th anniversary. What follows was taken in part from the booklet “Celebrating 100 Years of Ministry”. The church history dates back to 1904 when a group of Christians attended the Trinity (Dreiening) Parish in Kulm, which was located in the county south of Gackle. On August 10, 1906, this same group met and decided to build their own church. Gust- lieb Elhard was hired to build a church for $2,200 and a parsonage for $2,300. The dedication of the church was held on Sun., Dec. 2, 1906 with Pastor A.H. Vogel officiating. That same day following a meeting the group organized the German Congre- gational Church of Gackle. Follow- ing are the church’s charter members: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Flatg, Mr. and Mrs. John Brous, Mr. and Mrs. Johann Elhard, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Knox, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Meier, Mr. and Mrs. John Haas, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Elhard and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moos. The group chose the name of the First Ger- man Congregational Church of Gackle. Rev. E.J. Eckhardt served the congregation from 1906-1907.

In 1916, the old parsonage was sold and moved to Dawson and in 1958 a parsonage was built where the old church once stood. A new Hammond organ was purchased in 1955 for $2,533. It was in 1957 when a merger took place. A union brought together the Evangelical- Christian Church and the Evan- gelical and Reformed Church to form the United Church of Christ. It was in 1963 when the Gackle First Congregational Church merged with the United Church of Christ to be known as the First UCC. The congre- gation eventually included the Emmanuel Church southwest of Gackle and the First Con- gregational Church of Alfred. From 1987 to 2005, the Gackle, Jud and Streeter churches were served by one pastor.

Church Groups

There was a group of 12 ladies who formed the Congregational Ladies’ Aid in 1934. They helped with the work and expense of the church. This group helped raise funds for the building through membership fees, dona- tions, church suppers as well as serving lunch at auction sales, weddings, funerals and food sales. The group disbanded in 1951 and joined the Guiding Light Society.

The Congregational Christian Endeavor was organized in 1853 to promote fellowship of young Christians of First UCC. The C.E. gave the youth an oppor- tunity to help with the church work and become better Chris- tians. This group was active unil 1904.

Pastors Who Served

1906-1907 - Rev. E.J. Eckhardt
1910-1918 - Rev. E.J. Wacker
1910-1914 - Rev. Theo Phennig
1914-1918 - Rev. H.M. Baumann
1920-1923 - Rev. E. Schroeder
1923-1927 - Rev. H. Dietrich
1927-1934 - Rev. K.K. Meier
1935-1941 - Rev. K. Kirchen- mann
1942-1946 - Rev. Walter Kandler
1947-1952 - Rev. Bettenhausen
1952-1957 - Rev. H.H. Gross
1958-1966 - Rev. Emanuel Gackle
1967-1973 - Rev. Edward J. En- linger
1977-1979 - Rev. George O. Bitz
June-Aug. 1987-Tamara To- epleke, interim
1987-1999 - Rev. Scott Curfman
2001-2006 - Rev. Gordon Moen
2004-2006 - Rev. Barbara Mur- ray

Fettig Is Medalist In SB Invite

Napoleon/Gackle-Streeter senior Jamison Fettig was crowned medalist at the South Border Varsity Invitational tournament on Wed., April 17.

Fettig carded a 77, five over par to edge South Border’s Tanner Kempf, SB, 88, 8. Gar- lon Schermeister, LHMB, 88, 7.


Mark Jochim who had an 81.

Due to wet course conditions in Mark Jochim who had an 81.

In SB Invite

As a team the Imperials had a 348. Finishing in third place was Jamison Fettig carded a 77, five over par to edge South Border who had 348. Finishing in third place was Linton-HMB with a 349.


91. Missing a top ten placing was senior AJ Doll who carded a 97.

As a team the Imperials had a 345 and finished in second place behind South Border who had 348. Finishing in third place was Linton-HMB with a 349.

Other Imperials making the top ten for head coach Kelly McCleary were junior Garrett Jangula in eighth place who had an 89 and in ninth place was sophomore Payton Haas with a 91.


4th grade volleyball, back (l-r): Brooklyn Hoffman, Cora Muller, Addyson Erbele. front: Brandi Weigel, Madie Moser, Aliyah Schwartzentzger.