

# Historic Times

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## HAVE YOU MET SUSAN?

**Name:** Susan the Sleuth

**Hobby:** Investigating Our History

**Loves:** Learning about what life was like in Brown County, many, many, many years ago

**Favorite Rainy Day Activity:**

Hot Chocolate & Board Games

**Favorite Road Trip Game:**

20 Questions!

**Little Brother:** Thomas



**"Keep an eagle eye this week! That means**



**use your excellent detective skills to find two different hidden items in this newsletter!!!**

**Look for these keys and scissors hidden on the pages. (Keys are an important item at the jail and scissors are a useful tool at the barber shop.) How many can you find? (Answer on page 9)**



## TOPIC OF THE WEEK:

# Barber Shop & Jail

Hello History Club Members!

Susan the Sleuth here, reporting from Dacotah Prairie Museum, the oldest building on Aberdeen's Main Street! I wish you could visit, but because of a sickness called Covid-19, the museum can't have visitors just yet... The GOOD NEWS is, they have this awesome HISTORY CLUB! We hope you've been enjoying the stories and activities that we've been sharing with you each week. (If you are new to the club and would like to catch up on past topics, check out the museum website to download and print them at home: [dacotahprairiemuseum.com](http://dacotahprairiemuseum.com))

Remember, in order to be a good investigator of history, you have to be very curious, and it helps to have a good imagination. Are you ready for another week of fun? I am!

Our topic this week is the barber shop and the jail. Thomas is really excited to learn about these two places. (He says he thinks he needs a shave. I say he just likes the smell of shaving cream. )



**IMAGINE:** Some things are very different when comparing modern times to life years ago in early Brown County, but one thing has not changed. It is something that happens to everyone. Your hair grows! Chances are you've had to get a haircut at some time in your life. Sometimes people have a member of their family cut their hair. Sometimes people go to place in town to pay someone to give them a haircut.

Just like today, if men in the 1880-90s wanted to look nice for church, school, work or just saying hello to that special gal (Thomas says uck!) They may have gone to a barber shop to get a haircut and probably also a shave. Think about it. What things in a barber shop might be the same as today? (A special chair for the customer to sit on, scissors, a razor, etc.) What might be different? These are things we will learn this week!



# 2020 Is A Year for Making History 2020

**HISTORY CAMP:** Since its start we've only cancelled camp twice!

It has been a year to remember. From the start of 2020 with snowstorms and blizzards, to everyone's lives changing suddenly with Covid 19 starting in March, people everywhere have had to learn to adapt to new things in 2020, like the pioneers of many years ago.

The pioneers moved to the prairie, a place they had never seen or been before. They found few or no trees, and neighbors were miles apart if you lived in the country. If you lived in the city, constant noise from homes and businesses being built filled the air with new people moving in every day to start a new life. Like us, the pioneers lived in times that were full of change and history in the making.

The Museum started History Camp in 1996 as a way to keep students learning about history during the summer, and as a way to use what many consider an undiscovered treasure, Centennial Village. For one day, campers were able to go into the buildings and participate in old-fashioned activities that the pioneer children would have to do... hauling water, building a fire, going to school, eating homemade ice cream and others.

In the history of the Camp, there was only one year that it wasn't held, 2007....the year of the big flood. Museum staff had to take the summer to clean and care for artifacts from the collection that were damaged by flood water, hundreds of them, so camp could not be held.

This is only the second time in it's history that History Camp can't be held...social distancing being one of the most important reasons why. But, like many other Museums and businesses, the staff of Dacotah Prairie Museum started thinking out-of-the-box and put together a weekly history club program to serve as a virtual camp. You will still learn about the buildings, the history of our area and play games, just in a different way. Each week for nine weeks there will be a packet with a different theme that hopefully you will enjoy and use to learn some new things about this area. The Museum is also hoping that you and your parents will share photos (or selfies) of your historic discoveries.

Send photos to:

[dacotahpraiiemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:dacotahpraiiemuseum@gmail.com)



## What Did a Barber Shop Look Like?



Barber shops could be a place for men to socialize and find out the local happenings of the day as they got a shave or a haircut.

## SHARE PHOTOS!



**SHOW US WHAT YOU ARE LEARNING!**

**We'd love to hear from you!**

**Are you enjoying history club?**

Send pictures of your history club

adventures to our email address:

[dacotahpraiiemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:dacotahpraiiemuseum@gmail.com)

(NOTE: Photos may be posted on our web page or social media pages.)

**KIDS:** Make sure to have your parents help & permission to send emails.





# Barbershop & Jail

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handcuffs

scissors

criminal

jail cell

clippers

mattress

bath tub

posters

sheriff

mirror

police

razor

chair

cape

strop

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bed

keys







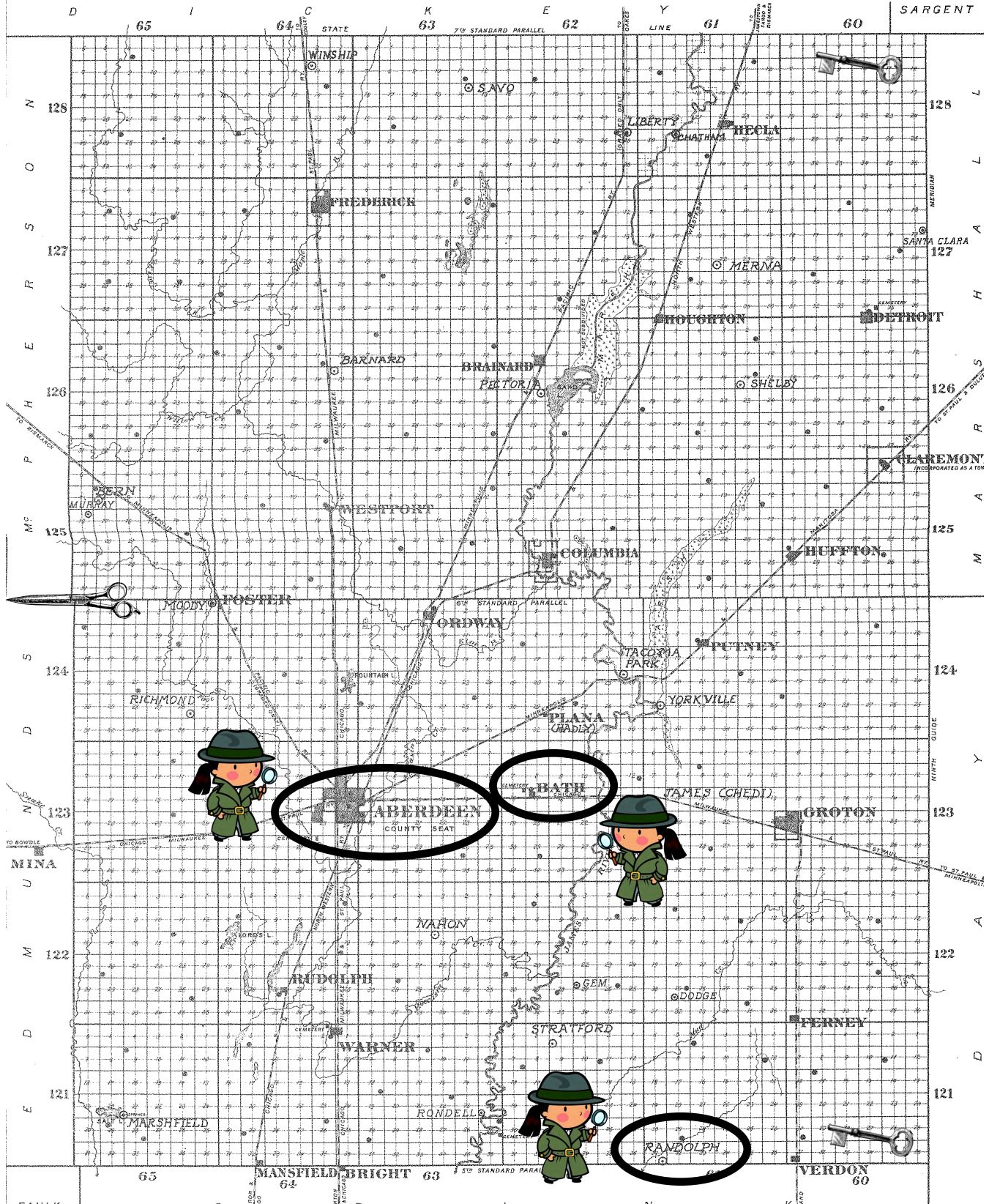
INVESTIGATE: Look at this really awesome old map of Brown County! I've marked the towns we are learning about this week: Bath & Randolph. I've also marked Aberdeen, where Centennial Village is located at the Brown County Fairgrounds. —Susan the Sleuth

# BROWN CO.

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- ▭ CORPORATE LIMITS
- ▭ PLATTED TOWNS
- SCHOOLS (LIST NOT COMPLETE)



# LET'S GET ACTIVE ... WITH CREATIVITY!



**You will need: NOTHING!!**  
(Except Your Imagination)

## Games & Other Ideas to Pass the Time: Tag (Freeze tag and others...)



Rock, Paper, Scissors

Running Races & Games

Duck, Duck, Goose

Red Rover

Captain May I?

Simon Says

I Spy

20 Questions....(Am I a Person, Place or Thing)

**ABC game** (Look around your house for things that start with the different letters. Miss Sherri plays an ABC game for going to the grocery store and buying something that starts with the letter A and so on...)

Spelling Games

Reciting Favorite Poems/Singing Favorite Songs

Thumb Wrestling

Red Light, Green Light

Telephone

Try Not to Laugh Game

Nature Walks

Make Up a Story (Everyone Adds a Sentence)

Let's get creative! This week...try playing games or other fun activities with no equipment. No bats, balls, sticks, ropes...nothing of any kind. Imagine you've just moved here and you can't find anything to play with because your belongings haven't been delivered to your new house yet. No dolls, toy trains (don't tell Thomas!), horses, video games...nothing!

Then, your Mother tells you that you have to babysit your 3 little siblings while she's gone for a few hours, what are you going to do? You don't even have a book to read!

There are all kinds of games out there, especially the kind that you have to use your imagination for. Here is a list of quite a few that we know and play with kids, but can you think of any others?

## Jail Food Lunch: Slop on a Slab

### You Will Need These Ingredients:

1 - 16 oz. can Bush's Baked Beans, 7 Slices of Bread, 7 Cheese Slices

Directions: 1. Preheat Oven to 350 2. Toast Bread Slices in a Toaster 3. Lay Toast Slices on a Metal Cookie Sheet and Use a Spoon to Spread Beans onto the Bread 4. Place a Slice of Cheese on Top of the Beans (Use 1 Slice Cheese Per Piece of Bread) 5. Bake in Oven About 5 Minutes or Until Cheese is Melted.

(Remember Kitchen Safety! Ask for an adult to help with the hot oven!!)





# Visit to Centennial Village:

## The Barber Shop / The Sheriff's Office & Jail



HAIR CUT	.10¢
SHAVE	.10¢
SHAMPOO	.10¢
BATH	.50¢
BATH WITH TOWEL	.60¢
TEETH DRILLED	1.00¢
TEETH PULLED	.50¢
BULLETS REMOVED	1.00¢

The building that houses the **Barber Shop** was probably built sometime in the 1890's, and was located one mile east of Plana; owned by the Charles Jones family since home-

stead days. Originally it was used to store seed and lubricants. It was donated to Centennial Village by Dennis Jones in the fall of 1981 and served as village feed and seed store. In the 1990's it was converted to the Village Barber-shop by Don Gisi.

The barbershop was a male socializing center of any town's life. In most shops you would get a



haircut, shave and trim for not much money. Each barber was responsible for keeping up his tools of the trade and the fancier the Barber Stool, the more money he could charge. In some of the area town's very early history...there was a barber set up before a doctor. So, some early barbers took on two or three jobs....that of a groomer, doctor and dentist. If you look around the Shop at the Village, you will find a small, brown leather chair that would be used to hold the patient's head still... so the barber/dentist might pull out a bad tooth. Remember, no Novocain or other pain killers like we have today, but by that time your tooth hurt so bad, you just wanted it out.

Mr. Gisi loved to tell the story of the barber pole just outside the door. Back in the middle ages when people started moving from town to town, most couldn't read. But they needed to know what was in each of the different buildings up and down the street. So the owners would always add

Photos on this page:  
Centennial Village  
Barber Shop



**Photo Above:** Centennial Village Barber Shop Dentist Chair



# Visit to Centennial Village: Barber & Jail (CONTINUED)

a drawing or picture of what they sold besides the words. A restaurant might show a plate, knife and fork, or a blacksmith would show an anvil. A place that sold hats might show a drawing of a hat and so on. So, the Barbers took the symbol of the pole, and would paint it different colors for different things. If it was a white background with a blue stripe, that meant they would just do barber jobs... haircutting, shaves and such. But, if it also had red stripes, that meant that they would do doctoring or dentist work...the red standing for the blood that might occur in the job. There used to be over a dozen Barbers in Aberdeen alone, not to mention all of the smaller towns around. But most of them have closed and most men now go to hair salons instead.

The **Sheriff's Office and Jail** building at Centennial Village contains one of the original jail cells from the Bath area in Dakota Territory. Purchased at public auction and donated to Centennial Village in 1981, the jail contains two beds in a single cell of iron construction. A brand new town needed a place to make sure the people who were not following the law could be held securely, this portable cell worked well until a more permanent building could be built. Every town in Brown county had some kind of jail...starting with Columbia. As time went by and transportation improved, many smaller towns would call on the larger ones to hold their prisoners. So you might be in the small town of Plana and break the law but you would be escorted to Bath or Aberdeen and be held till the judge could see and sentence you there.

Inside our jail at Centennial Village you will find a desk and chair, and above it a place for wanted posters, which are still in use today. Some of these people are wanted for serious offences...



**Photos on this page:**  
Sheriff's Office & Jail at  
Centennial Village



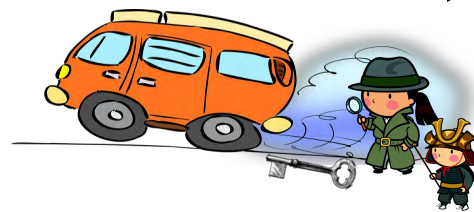
like bank robbery or murder. Others, for things like passing bad checks or deserting their families. Each small building would also need a way of keeping warm, so it would have a stove of some kind in the corner to take the chill off. Modern jails are very different from this example, but hopefully you will never have to find out how!





# Family Road Trip Idea:

## Bath, SD



**Photo at Left:** Bath Main Street, Early 1900s...Shows Spratt's store with dance hall upstairs, next post office, Woodman Hall, Dr. Grant's store, William Penn Stickney's home

**Below:** Bath Schoolhouse, Before 1942

**Bottom Photo:** Claim shanty and dug out west of Hilbert home near Bath...early 1880s



Bath has always been a small town close to the County Seat, but survived as a farm center even in hard times and drought. The railroad arrived in Bath in 1880 and the town was platted with the first building springing up two months later, a two-story hotel. The "immigrant car" of G.W. Hickman, filled with the family belongings and livestock, was the first car set off the train in Bath, July 1881 and the town had begun.

After the first Bath church services were held at Raymo's Hotel Tent, and with a wagon bridge over the James River completed, town business had begun. A grain elevator (horse powered) was started along with two general stores, a depot, a school, a bakery, and a boarding house. In the five years to follow, Bath grew and its businesses jumped to twenty, now a bustling community.



Bath was the main-line depot for speakers going to and from Tacoma Park. This kind of activity included politicians, social activists, actors, and musicians and made a culturally stimulating environment for early residents. Until wooden sidewalks gave way to cement, sidewalks were inspected daily in Bath for protruding nails and they were pounded in so they would not snag the ladies' dress hems.



# Family Road Trip Idea: Bath, SD (Continued)



**Above Photo:** Bath church and parsonage. Neither building survives today. The parsonage burned in 1928 and the church building was destroyed by a tornado in 1944.

In June of 1944, a tornado nearly destroyed the whole town. Only two of the twenty houses in town were left undamaged. The town of Bath still survives, with some businesses and several homes. Many of the residents of Bath commute to Aberdeen daily for work, an easy drive thanks to the four-lane highway which links it with Aberdeen.

*Bath may seem like an unusual name for a town, but there are many towns in the U.S. named Bath. Use the internet or a U.S. Atlas to find some of them. How many can you find? In which states? (Actually the name Bath can be traced to a city in England.)*

## INVESTIGATE MORE ON YOUR OWN:

GET OUT A DICTIONARY OR LOOK ONLINE FOR THIS VOCABULARY FROM THE STORY:

- Drought
- Platted
- Immigrant
- Livestock
- Boarding House
- Parsonage

MAP SEARCH...LOOK AT THE BROWN COUNTY MAP ON PAGE 4 TO LOCATE:

- Bath
- Tacoma Park



## Road Trip Mad Libs

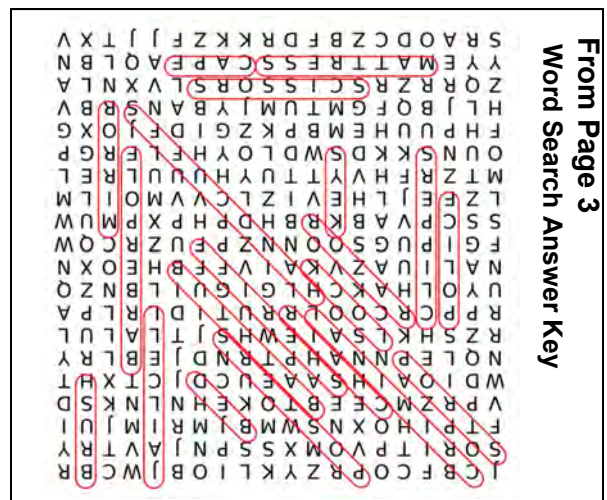
Find a partner. (Don't show them the story.) Ask them for words to fill in the blanks. Use a pencil to write in their answers and then read the story out loud together.

Once upon a time there was a (adjective)\_\_\_\_\_ family that had a pet (animal)\_\_\_\_\_ named (name)\_\_\_\_\_. They were tired of being at home so they decided to go on a (adjective)\_\_\_\_\_ road trip adventure. (person in the room)\_\_\_\_\_ (adverb)\_\_\_\_\_ announced that they could not leave without some (adjective)\_\_\_\_\_ snacks. The family (adverb)\_\_\_\_\_ packed a nutritious lunch of (a food)\_\_\_\_\_, (a food)\_\_\_\_\_ and (a food)\_\_\_\_\_. (Person in the room)\_\_\_\_\_ said (expression)“\_\_\_\_\_! I am so excited to eat lunch today.”

They (adverb)\_\_\_\_\_ climbed into the family (mode of transportation)\_\_\_\_\_ along with their beloved pet, and headed down the road. Their first stop was (local town)\_\_\_\_\_ for a quick photo of a (adjective)\_\_\_\_\_ (noun)\_\_\_\_\_. They also took (a number)\_\_\_\_\_ family photos in front of the (adjective)\_\_\_\_\_ (noun)\_\_\_\_\_ and the (adjective)\_\_\_\_\_ (noun)\_\_\_\_\_.

The kids were so hungry they were starting to (verb)\_\_\_\_\_ and (verb)\_\_\_\_\_. The family decided to stop at (local town)\_\_\_\_\_ to eat their picnic lunch and found a (adjective)\_\_\_\_\_ (noun)\_\_\_\_\_ to sit on at the park. The view was (adjective)\_\_\_\_\_ and the food was (adjective)\_\_\_\_\_! After everyone had a moment to eat and rest, the family (adverb)\_\_\_\_\_ decided that it was time to go home. (expression) “\_\_\_\_\_”, said the kids. The drive home seemed much longer than it had earlier in the day. To entertain themselves, the family played (a game)\_\_\_\_\_ and (a game)\_\_\_\_\_ in the car. It was a (adjective)\_\_\_\_\_ day, even the family pet enjoyed the adventure!

Let's do this again soon, said the whole family (adverb)\_\_\_\_\_! Until next time...(expression)\_\_\_\_\_, and good bye!



SEARCH FOR Keys/Scissors from PAGE 1  
ANSWER: KEYS appear 13 Times /Scissors 12 Times



# Brown County Ghost Town of the Week

## “Randolph”

**Post Office: 1908-1953**

The town of Randolph was platted in 1908 when the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad built its line across southern Brown County. The town grew rapidly, serving a large area before highways improved to a point of allowing people to buy goods in other towns.

In its peak years, Randolph had a general store, a hardware store, a school, a church, five elevators, a post office, and a barber shop in its little community. Rail service was excellent, boasting a train in the morning to Aberdeen with one returning in the evening.

The barber, E.C. Giffin, also taught school and was a tailor, making all the uniforms for the baseball team. Randolph, a victim of the economic crash and resulting depression of the 1930s, remains a ghost town of the past.



**Photo:** Dedication of the Randolph church in the early 1900s

### What is a Ghost Town?



No, it's not a town with ghosts!  
A ghost town is a town that has had all (or almost all) of the people leave and move away. It may or may not have buildings left.

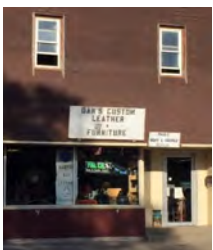
## Investigate: YouTube Video

**GO TO:** Dacotah Prairie Museum YouTube Channel  
**VIDEO:** “History Moment: Rain, Flood, Drought & Hail”

This week we suggest for investigation online: our YouTube video on rain, flood, drought, and hail, which seems very appropriate considering what the weather has been lately for each of us. We've had at least 2 different rain storms in a little over 2 weeks that dumped at least 2 inches of rain on us each time....which leads to flooding, as you will find if you take any kind of car trip. Last Thursday we had hail come down in the storm, but not as big as on the video. No drought around here yet, but the video still shows some really interesting pictures of black blizzards. We truly live in an area where the weather is changing all the time and you must be aware of it, no matter how young or old you are.



**Using Last Week's Treasure Map, Did You Find These Places with Leather Goods, Tack, Saddles, etc.?**



Dan's Leather  
122 N Main St



Hitchin' Post  
2601 6th Avenue SE



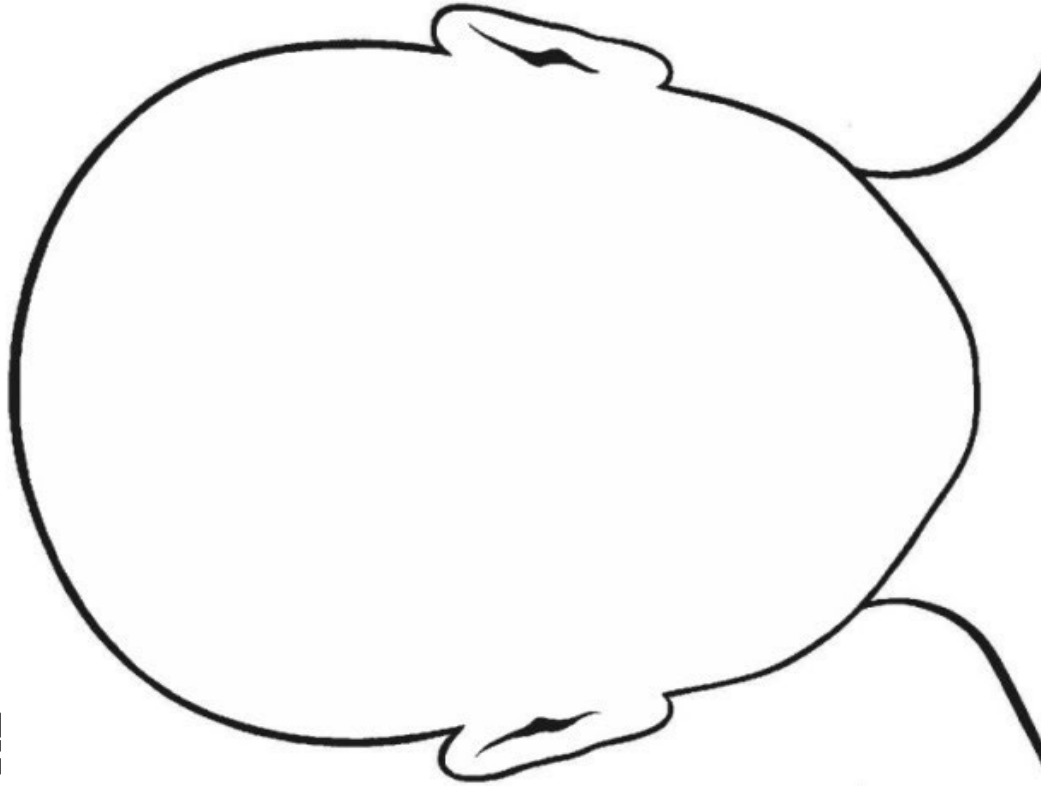
Runnings  
1815 6th Avenue SE



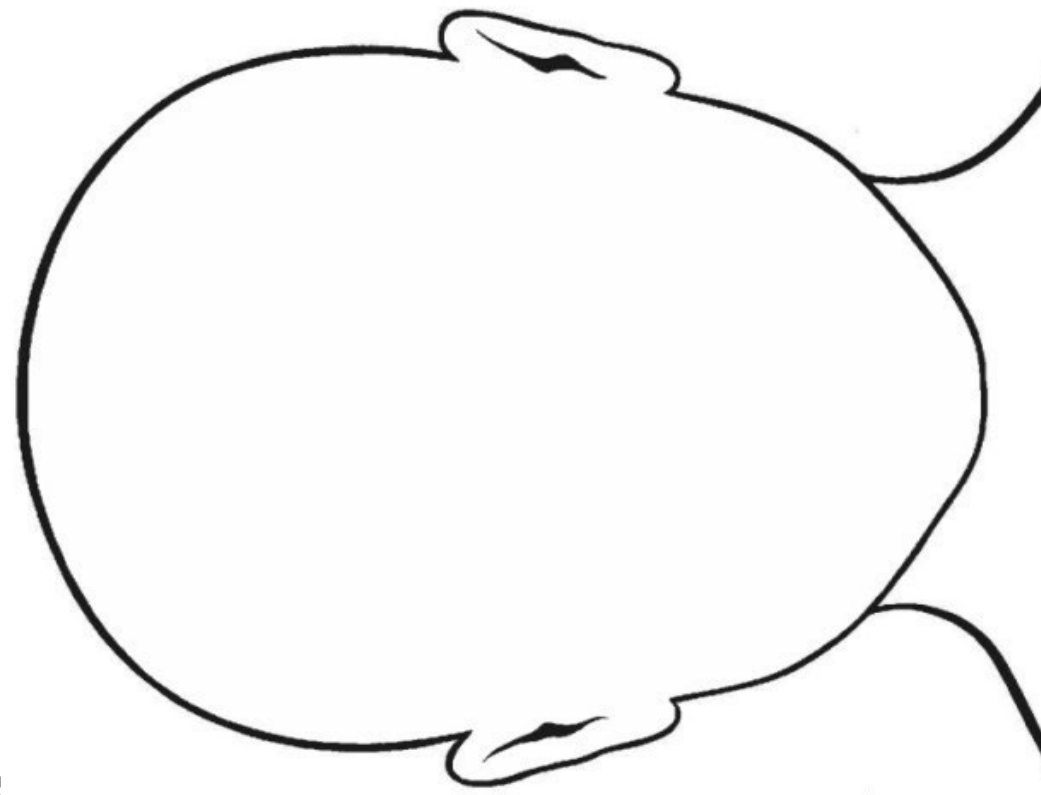
**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**A Haircut (and a Shave) at the Barber Shop Can Make A Big Difference! Use Markers or Crayons to Decorate Before and After Haircut Pictures. optional Idea: Use Yarn and Glue to Add Hair, a Mustache & Beard.**

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



## SCAVENGER HUNT MAP

CAN YOU FIND THE 2 BUSINESSES THAT FEATURE BARBER POLES?

X MARKS THE SPOT! PLEASE TAKE A PICTURE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN FRONT OF AS MANY BUSINESSES AS YOU CAN AND SEND IT TO: [DACOTAHPRAIEMUSEUM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DACOTAHPRAIEMUSEUM@GMAIL.COM)

#LOCALHISTORYISFUN ANSWERS IN NEXT WEEK'S PACKET \*\*BECAUSE THE ACTUAL BARBER POLE IS INSIDE IVEY'S FOR HAIR BUSINESS, SUSAN AND THOMAS ASK THAT YOU TAKE YOUR PICTURE BY THEIR SIGN OUTSIDE NEXT TO HIWAY 281.



Sign:  
"IVEY'S"

