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The Purple School offers Norwegian language

In the land of Vikings, here's an idea that actually makes sense.

Youngsters ranging in age from 5 months to 10 years recently took part in what was termed as a Norwegian immersion experience.

Now that got me curious. The session was presented by The Purple School and hosted by Williston State

The Purple School is listed as an interactive, immersive, song-and game-based program that works to teach young children other

The Scope has often wondered why Norwegian, or Swedish for that matter, hasn't been offered in the school curriculum in the land of lutefisk and lefse.

Over the years, there has been an emphasis on languages such as German and Spanish, but no mention of speaking Norsk.

Yes, the Sons of Norway have stepped up and pro-vided language classes, but that's not the same as ingraining a new language at an early age to let it take

Growing up in an all Norwegian home, we found the majority of time when Norwegian was being spoke was when the parents didn't want the younger children to know what they were discussing.

You know, they kind of had an advantage with that. But, getting back to the class at hand.

SHULIS FOUNDER

Joyce Nadolny Shui is credited as the founder of The Purple School in Wil-

During the recent Norwe-gian session, she had two of her own daughters take part

in the class. That led her to say, "I'm thrilled to partner with Williston State College Commu-nity Ed for so many of our

language offerings. She was also pleased to have Leah Johnson Ellis, who has spent time living in Norway, teach Norwegian to the Williston youngsters. On the other hand, the

presenter believes in the learning of a new language as the gateway to other cultures and was very excited to share her Norwegian skills with the youth and others of the community.

Hey, perhaps they can tie in a lutefisk tasting or some lefse baking in the future.

Now that would give participants a firm grip on

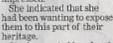
Then again, the good folks over at First Lutheran Church have the cultural experience covered with the big feast upcoming.

PARENTS PLEASED

While the instructors were happy to present a lesson plan, parents of participants were also pleased.

Mary Stenberg, who admits to being half Norwegian, and the mother of Rose and Eleanor was

impressed.



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Stenberg noted her daughters had so much fun while learning songs in Norwe gian, hearing and learning to speak a few phrases, along with reading books.

It is the goal of The Purple School to use music and games to make learning a new language fun and memorable for children.

If that is the case, it sure sounds like they ac-complished that with this presentation.

Hey, it never hurts to have a little variety and spice things up a little.

With the great reception for Norwegian, officials indicate they hope to offer a regular class in Norwegian for kids in the near future.

Now that is great nev Then again, that purple color is certainly a good fit when one is talking about

The Purple School lan-guage classes for children are a part of the present curriculum at some schools and is being offered as an after- or before-school enrichment program in other

As it stands now, The Purple School has already taught nine different lan-

To learn more, you can find them on Facebook or go to www.thepurpleschool. com.

You can also make contact by email at info@thepurple-school.com or dial (701)

ENTERTAINMENT INC!

With Mother Nature finally releasing that cold grip she has had on the area, it's time to get out and enjoy some activities.

One that just might work into your schedule is a stage play being offered by Enter tainment Inc. over at the Old Armory Theatre.

Now we know there are new people coming to town on a regular basis and this is something they just might be interested in.

The Lion in Winter is what awaits you, with performances being staged beginning at 7:30 p.m. this evening.

Performances are slated to run through Monday evening, with a 2:30 p.m. matinee set for Sunday. To learn more, call the

Box Office at 577-3179 or you can obtain tickets at the

By supporting these actors with your attendance and applause only works to bring even more shows to

CONCERT NEAR

While we have your ear, thinking about entertainment, we must remind you of the upcoming concert for the Williston Concert Association.

The next production is set for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Williston High School Auditorium.

Next up is Charlie Albright, a highly talented pianist who will dazzle you with his playing style

You should also mark down Feb. 17, as on that night the famed Sons of the Pioneers will ride into town. That concert will also

provide for an outreach with area students on Feb. 18. Remember that WCA is

membership driven, however you can purchase your membership tickets at the

VALENTINE DANCE

Here's an interesting event we want to call to your attention.

Beth Olsen tells us the second annual adult and child Valentine's Dance is set from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Fellowship Hall at First Lutheran Church.

Admission has been set at \$5 per couple, with the pro-ceeds earmarked to benefit the FLC Good Sam Fund.

Pairs include a parent/ child, father/daughter and

mother/son for example.
Admission will include
a dance class that will be taught by Renee Rogness, with live music being proand Signe Verhasselt.

Elegant Valentine's Day refreshments are also bein planned. Now this sounds like a

great family event. If possible, you are being asked to call 572-6363 to RSVP, while there is a sign up sheet at the receptionist desk at the church.

LIONS PANCAKES

From 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday over at the First Lutheran Church fellow ship hall, you will be able to sit down and enjoy hot pancakes and sausage, alo with refreshments

This event is billed as the 20th annual Area Lion Breakfast For Diabetes.

We enjoyed our share of pancakes and sausages for a good many of those years and can vouch for the

Proceeds from the break fast have been earmarked to replace the older reader machines that are provide by the Lions for individual who face a vision challeng

Your favorite Lion will b mixing the batter, frying th sausage and in the ready position on the service lin

All you have to do is com by and get breakfast out of the way before that special event takes place on super Sunday

You don't want to miss it Enjoy!

A SUPER PICK

With Super Bowl XLVIII only a short time away, it's time to make a bold predic

Then again, this time ev-erybody has a 50/50 chance

to come out on top. Those are much better odds, compared to the reg lar season.

The Scope took a thump-ing for many years with the weekly Beat the Scope feature, which proved to be

Just for the fun of it, wif the Denver Broncos and the Seattle Seahawks set to clash, this corner sees the Broncos riding to the top under the leadership of th old man at quarterback.

It's nice to see an older gentleman in Peyton Man-

ning at the helm for Denve When all is said and don mark down the Broncos ning out over the Seahawk

by a score of 35-17. Hey, we've been wrong before.

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