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## She’s Still Messing Around With Hair

### Sue DeLosh celebrates 50 years as a licensed beautician

By Janet Larreau

It’s August 24, 2023, and Sue DeLosh is sitting back comfortably in a salon chair, ready for her interview. The temperature outside is a sweltering 104 degrees, but she’s staying nice and cool in the small house that she purchased for her business back in 1995.

“I bought a used air conditioner for 50 dollars, and it’s still working after 19 years,” said Sue.

Sue is an expert at casual conversation and making clients feel comfortable. She’s been doing it for 50 years. The day of her interview happened to be the anniversary of when she received her license in 1973 after attending the North Platte Beauty Academy.

Sue pretty much knew what she wanted to do after graduating from Arnold High School in 1972.

“I was always messing around with hair at home even before beauty school,” she said.

The first chair she

worked from was at Kitty’s salon – a converted trailer house owned by Kitty Lynch just north of the water tower. Neither Sue nor Kitty knew how to cut men’s hair coming out of the academy. In those days there were beauty schools and barber schools.

“Fred Vogel came in and asked me to cut his hair. I told him I didn’t know how. He said, ‘Well, you’ve got to learn.’ If you remember Fred, you’d know how he said it. So that’s who I learned from,” said Sue.

In January of 1976, Sue started working from a chair in Lucille’s Beauty Shop with Lucille Peters, Sid Miller, and Jeannie Thompson. The busy salon was located in the basement of the Peters’ home.

In 1995 Sue went out on her own, purchased the above-mentioned house, and hung her sign, “Sue’s Beauty Shop.”

“I remember calling my sister Pam and telling her, ‘I just saw Brad Atkins walk by.’ Puzzled by why

that would be a big deal, Pam replied, ‘Why are you telling me that?’ Sue responded with, ‘Well, for 19 years, all I saw was people’s legs walking by.’ It was nice to see people,” said Sue.

Sue has seen many styles come and go over five decades...one time everybody wants a perm, then they want it straight, then they go back to perms, and want more color. Her philosophy on that is, style is what looks good on you.

She’s seen products come and go, too. They just stopped making the hair spray New Image, her favorite. And then there was Final Net.

“New Image was heavy enough to make it stay, but you could work with it. When you would put Final Net on, it stayed. You could go out in a hurricane,” she said.

Sue’s oldest ever client was the late Miriam Brower, who was still coming into the salon to have her hair cut at age 108. Her current longest running client is 102-year-



Relaxing between customers, Sue DeLosh sits back in a salon chair on the 50th anniversary of receiving her beautician’s certificate. (Right) A very young Sue pictured at Kitty’s salon in 1973 - her very first job.



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- Sue DeLosh remembering a tried and true hair product

old Mildred Smith. The youngest is her grandson, Decker Tobe DeLosh, who just turned 3.

The oldest equipment that she lays claim to is a 1940s or 50s electric/heat perm machine that she inherited from Lucille. Honestly, it’s kind of terrifying looking, but Sue said fans pointed directly on the customer helped keep them cool if they got to hot. It’s on the back

porch, and she plans to donate that to the Arnold Historical Museum once it’s renovated.

Sue has no plans to retire anytime soon, but she has cut back on her hours a bit. She enjoys being her own boss and having the freedom to rearrange schedules to spend time with family, including son Donnell, daughter Marie, their spouses, and her four grandchildren.

Husband Kent, whom she married in 1976, has sadly passed away.

“Right now my health is good, and I feel working will help keep me that way. I absolutely love 100 percent of my customers,” she said.

With the interview over, Sue was ready for her next customer, who happened to be Mildred Smith. It was a fitting appointment for Sue’s 50th anniversary.



South Loup Assistant Coach Andy Schwarz and his son, Elm Creek Head Coach Blake Schwarz, meet in the middle of the field at Callaway Thursday evening. - Leta Connell photo

## Schwarz Returns to South Loup Field as the Opposing Coach

By Janet Larreau  
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The last time Andy and Blake Schwarz were on the South Loup home field, the Bobcats had just punched a ticket to state, with Andy serving as head coach and Blake as a team member. Last Thursday night, the 2018 Arnold graduate made his head coaching debut for Elm Creek, with his dad acting as assistant coach for South Loup.

During the team introductions before the game, the Bobcat announcer made sure to give a big South Loup Bobcat welcome to Blake, and many of their family were in the crowd to cheer on both Schwarz men.

Blake’s mom, Patti, said both she and Andy had

mixed emotions going into the game.

“Both Andy and I didn’t like it too well, because obviously we didn’t want Blake’s first game to be a loss. We suspected that, because they had lost five of their key players and were rebuilding. We knew South Loup was bringing back almost everyone. We wanted South Loup to do well, but also Blake’s team to do well. Blake was very positive about making his debut in front of his hometown,” she said.

“It was a pretty emotional time for me,” said Blake. “I’m very proud to come from South Loup and being back home to make my head coaching debut seemed surreal. I wasn’t nervous to coach against dad, I was excited! I think the nerves came from the first game of the year, and it was time to see how well we prepared.”

Blake said he grew up out at the football field when the family lived across the street. He would disappear from his mom (she claims still in diapers) to go hang out with his dad at practice.

“I’ve been around the game for so long, I really couldn’t see myself not being involved in football. I just want to add a big thank you to the fans of South Loup for giving me such a warm welcome during the announcement. It really meant a lot to me!” said Blake.

## Pickleball Now Available to Play Indoors and Out



A group of local pickleball players received some tips from instructors and played on the new court at the community center on August 22. Pictured from left to right are: instructor’s assistant Tricia Schaffer from North Platte, Jimi Cole, Pam Long, John Rosentrater (hidden behind Pam), Barb Peterson, Rick Peterson, Bob Blevins, Janis Blevins, instructor Barb Baldrige from North Platte, Cassy DeLosh, instructor’s assistant Diane Kramer from North Platte, and Amanda Wehnes. Not pictured: Ted and Renee Bubak. - Courtesy photo

A new recreational opportunity for all ages is now available both outdoors and indoors. With permission from the Village board, Jimi and Jeff Cole and Barb and Rick Peterson laid the tape for a pickleball court in the Arnold Community Center on August 13. An outdoor court was created last summer at the basketball court on North Carroll Street, but with unpredictable Nebraska weather, sometimes people who want to play need to move indoors. Until now, Callaway’s community center provided an indoor option.

“Bob and Janis Blevins, John Rosentrater, and Barb and Rick Peterson have been traveling to Callaway regularly. My mom and I have also gone down there a couple times to play,” said Jimi.

On August 22, several people got some pointers at the Arnold community center’s new court from Barb Baldrige of North Platte, a USA Pickleball Ambassador, along with three of her pickleball friends, who demonstrated how to correctly hold the paddles, front and backhand swings, serves, and where to position yourself on the court. The group then played some 2 on 2 and got pointers on what they could have done differently if an error was made.

A new schedule was also created to play at the community center to work around elementary volleyball practice and games.

For September and October, the game can be played on Tuesday and Friday nights from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Once elementary volleyball is over, the community center will be free. Players will then likely go back to the original schedule of Thursday nights as it seems to be better for most everyone. Some will continue to travel down to Callaway on Monday and Wednesday nights to play.

Jimi said everyone is welcome to bring their paddles and play.