

NDCRS SITE FORM
ARCHITECTURAL SITES
Page 1

SITS # 32 WE X106

Field Code RRS-260402 Site Name WELLSBURG SCHOOL
Field Code _____ Site Name _____

Map Quad WELLSBURG
Map Quad _____

LTL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Twp	<u>150</u>	R	<u>71</u>	Sec	<u>9</u>	QQQ	<u>8</u>	QQ	<u>5</u>	Q	<u>8</u>
LTL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Twp	_____	R	_____	Sec	_____	QQQ	_____	QQ	_____	Q	_____
LTL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Twp	_____	R	_____	Sec	_____	QQQ	_____	QQ	_____	Q	_____
LTL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Twp	_____	R	_____	Sec	_____	QQQ	_____	QQ	_____	Q	_____
LTL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Twp	_____	R	_____	Sec	_____	QQQ	_____	QQ	_____	Q	_____
LTL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Twp	_____	R	_____	Sec	_____	QQQ	_____	QQ	_____	Q	_____

1. N $\frac{1}{2}$
2. E $\frac{1}{2}$
3. S $\frac{1}{2}$
4. W $\frac{1}{2}$
5. NE $\frac{1}{4}$
6. SE $\frac{1}{4}$
7. SW $\frac{1}{4}$
8. NW $\frac{1}{4}$
9. C

SITE DATA

City WELLSBURG

Street # _____ Street # _____

Street Name _____ Street Name _____

of Features 1

FEATURE DATA

<u>1</u> Feature #	<u>9</u> Feature Type	<u>6</u> Condition
<u>1913</u> Construction Date	<u>7</u> Context *	<u>5</u> Plan Shape *
<u>3</u> Feature Date	<u>26</u> Primary Exterior *	_____ Secondary Exterior
<u>25</u> Structural System **	_____ Style *	_____ Architect/Builder
_____ Ethnic	_____ Fieldwork Date	_____ Other Information
<u>625100</u> Fieldwork Date	_____	_____

SHSND USE

_____ Soil Association	<u>18</u> Ecozone	<u>2</u> Area Signf	_____ MS Number
_____ Soil Association	_____ Ecozone	_____ Area Signf	_____ MS Number
<u>2</u> CR Type	<u>1</u> Verified Site	_____ Non-Site	<u>2</u> E C F <u>2</u> T F
_____ State Registry	_____ National Register		

Coder ROLENE R. SCHLIESMAN

Date Coded 26 APRIL 2002

Reconnaissance Survey _____

Intensive Survey _____

Manuscript/Report Title: _____

Author(s): _____

WELLS Co. T150 R71 S9 NW 1/4
32WE X106

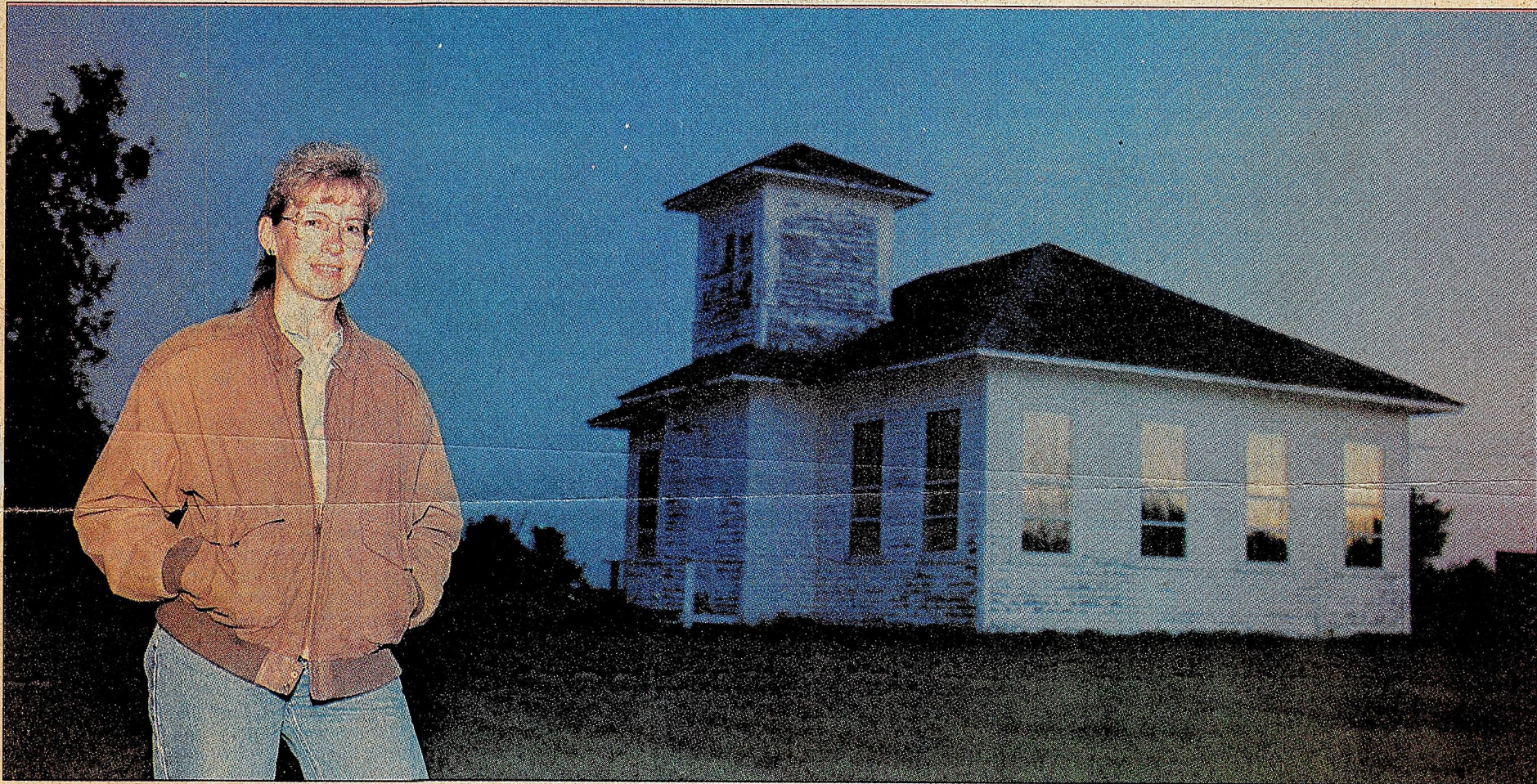
Dakota

Section **C**

Reach us
Randy Bradbury
City Editor
701-250-8251
bismarcktribune.com

Sunday, June 25, 2000

The Bismarck Tribune



By Tom Stromme of the Tribune

This vintage two-room schoolhouse in Wellsburg, with its views of the tiny town from every window, will be the focal point of the first and maybe last school reunion July 7-9. Organizer Donna Corneliusen, one of the town's 12 residents, is out to prove that being tiny has nothing to do with having fun.

Taking a sentimental journey

All-school reunion set for two-room school at Wellsburg

LAUREN DONOVAN, *Bismarck Tribune*

The town of Wellsburg might be a cluster of houses on the railroad track between Selz and Heimdahl, but it will rock when 200 people show up to reminisce about a school that closed when Richard Nixon was president.

It's the first and quite possibly the last all-school reunion, and organizer Donna Corneliusen can hardly wait for the big July 7-9 weekend.

"I don't know if we've ever had 200 people in town," she said.

Corneliusen is one of 12 people who still call Wellsburg home. She lives in a porched and pillared house built by her grandfather and figured the time for a reunion was now or never.

Death has already played havoc with a

guest list of alumni spanning from 1913, when the two-room school was built, to 1969, when it closed.

"Quite a few are deceased," she said. "If I'd waited too long, there wouldn't be anyone left."

None of those who will take the sentimental journey will exactly be young anymore. The youngest alumnus, Corneliusen's brother, is 38. The oldest person planning to attend is 93.

No matter their age, they'll all be looking down the same hallways of time.

The reunion will be the culmination of two years' work and planning.

The Wells County superintendent of schools office in nearby Fessenden proved to be a treasure trove of records about school history when Corneliusen went looking.

Records show that 367 students

attended the school, which hired 53 teachers over the years.

"We found how much the teachers were paid and how many times the out-house was cleaned," Corneliusen said.

More than 200 invitations were sent and 82 teachers and alumni indicated they'll come back to a town one block wide and three blocks long.

There are still eight houses in Wellsburg, four of them empty. The white, two-room school, empty and paint peeling, still has pride of place.

"I never thought we'd get this many people. I'm thrilled," Corneliusen said.

Alumni won't lack for things to do. They can go inside the old school, or visit on lawn chairs outside, shaded by trees planted in years gone by.

They can take a walking tour of Wellsburg, short in distance, long in memory.

Corneliusen said her dad, who remembers most of the town's residents, will help with signs telling which families lived in which houses.

There also will be hay rides and buggy rides around Wellsburg and down the country lanes, a program, food vendors, a catered dinner, musical entertainment and a bonfire.

Old Frosty — 34 in human years and who knows how many in horse years — still grazes in the pasture near the school. No doubt Corneliusen's childhood horse will get a kick out of the goings on.

So will Corneliusen and the others who come, to look, to laugh, to share, to remember.

"I think the point is keeping history alive, a connection back to an earlier time, the time that was that we know won't ever be again," she said.