

DAKOTA ATTITUDE

Pickles and Kraut Are the Favorites

Lysle and Darlene (Bartl) Coleman
 Interview: August 1, 2014
 County: Sargent
 City: Crete
 Lysle Coleman still lives on the farm he grew up on. Born in 1936, he remembers, “We trapped pocket gophers, my brother and I. We set [traps], about 15 or 20 of them at night and checked them in the morning. The township paid 20 cents a tail, and then they went up to 25. Maybe in a good year we’d get \$110-115. We thought we were ripping them off, taking that much.”
 Darlene, whose maiden name was Bartl, married Lysle in 1955. The couple has two children and four grandchildren. After their marriage, Darlene moved to the Coleman farm, where they lived with Lysle’s dad and brother.

“She had to pick up the slack,” Lysle confirms, as he also served as county commissioner. Darlene replies, “Yeah, I had to work in the fields. I raised pigs, I disked, I helped pick up bales, but there was a limit to what I learned [about field work]. The more you learned, the more you done. I mean, I got smart.” She continues, “I always had a table full. Relatives came. This was the homeplace, so they all came here. And that’s the way it was. You know what I always say, you maybe didn’t do it with a smile all the time, but I always did it, and we never argued or whatever. Well, I guess I was the cook.”
 Darlene says, “I have always done a lot of canning (she names all the items). My kids were raised on canned stuff, you know, and my grandkids love it. They all like that. Pickles and sauerkraut are the favorite. My [storage] shelf has

started to break down. I’ve got about 700 jars [full]. I do a lot of different things.” When Darlene tells people she does 140 jars just of tomatoes, they say, “How in the hell can you do 100 and some jars?”
 She tells them: “You do pizza sauce, spaghetti sauce, chili, vegetable blend, regular tomato, salsa, and tomato juice. That’s seven different things! You do 20 of each, you’ve got 140 jars.”
 (Editor’s Note: The following profiles of North Dakota residents were collected by author James Puppe between 2004-2018, covering 617 subjects and 113,000 miles. He has given permission for his book to be serialized in North Dakota Newspapers at no charge. To find out how you can read the entire collection of Dakota Attitude profiles go to dakotaattitude.com.)

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201 Washington Ave W
PO Box 275
Finley, ND 58230

All sealed bids are due no later than September 5, 2025 at 12pm. The Steele County Commission will open and award bids at their regularly scheduled commission meeting at 8:40am on Tuesday September 9, 2025. The Steele County Commission reserves the right to accept and/or reject any/all bids.

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