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SPECIAL DELIVERY VIA BROOKINGS

Getting a cheerful card in the mail is a pleasure, but it's even more fun to receive one that's handmade with love and care, like the cards, postcards and stickers crafted by Kaia Smith and her father Kevin of Brookings.

The Smith family's entrepreneurial journey began in 2017, when Kevin encouraged the then 11-year-old Kaia to harness her interest in photography to create postcards of local landmarks for the first Brookings Kid-Preneur Pop-Up Market. A few local businesses started selling the postcards, and soon, the father-daughter pair, calling themselves Kevin & Kaia Creations, expanded into hand-drawn greeting cards and water-resistant vinyl stickers.

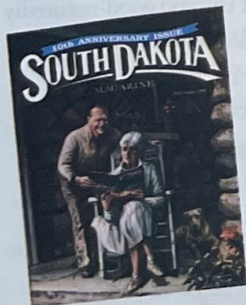
The family's creations are truly collaborative. Kevin draws the basic outline for each card or sticker on cardstock or on his iPad. Kaia provides color and style. She also manages the products for sale on their website, www.KeinandKaia.com, which has been a real learning process. "It's a lot harder to run a business than it seems," Kaia says.

Working with family is



not always easy, especially in a family as busy as the Smiths. Kevin teaches math education and technology at Dakota State University in Madison, Kaia is entering ninth grade at Brookings High School, mother Sarah is a family practice physician, and brothers Ian and Nathan have their own interests. Kevin worries that he sometimes pushes his daughter too hard, but Kaia knows that his nudging has benefits. "I wouldn't have done this without the help from my dad. Sometimes I feel like my dad nags me to work on things, but I know it's good for me," she says.

Find Kevin & Kaia Creations at the South Dakota Art Museum, Honeycomb Gifts, the Brookings Farmers Market, online at www.KeinandKaia.com or search for "Send Happy" at the monthly subscription service site www.Cratejoy.com. Coronavirus permitting, Kevin and Kaia also hope to appear in August at the 605 Made Night Market in Sioux Falls.



BEST QUOTE 25 YEARS AGO

"There are always people around to say something won't work. You can have a bucket of gas in one hand and a lighted match in the other and still find those who will say, 'You'll never get a fire started. No way.'"

— Humor columnist Roger Holtzmann, in our July/August 1995 issue.

HISTORIC DATES

IN SOUTH DAKOTA

BLACK HILLS BAD MAN

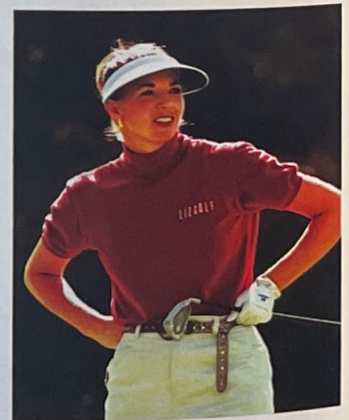
July 8, 1845 ... Al Swaengen, a notorious figure in early Deadwood history, was born in Iowa. Swaengen moved to the Black Hills in 1876 and operated the Gem Variety Theater — a saloon, dance hall and brothel — for 22 years.

BEADLE'S SEAT

July 28, 1880 ... Beadle County commissioners chose Huron, a new community along the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, as the county seat.

BIG WIN

Aug. 23, 1992 ... Professional golfer and Sioux Falls native Kris Tschetter won her first and only LPGA title. The Washington High School graduate was inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.



Kris Tschetter in 1992