

Fair Season

It's that time of year again – fair season! The Yellow Medicine County Fair in Canby wrapped up on July 22 and the Deuel County 4-H Achievement Days finished last week. The state fairs will be held over Labor Day and the season wraps up with the Lac Qui Parle County Fair – the Little Minnesota State Fair – running September 7-10 in Madison, MN. We are a fair family; we enjoy attending, exhibiting, volunteering, and sponsoring events for the fairs. We are also a three generation 4-H family so this involvement goes back a few years. But not as far back as Gary's history with the Deuel County Fair. How many can recall the location of the Deuel

County Fairgrounds at Gary?

Prior to the re-grading to create the Talking Waters Campground, the outline of the Deuel County Fair Ground's racetrack was still visible north of the barn at Buffalo Ridge Resort. These fairgrounds also included a much-used ball field prior to the establishment of the Legion field on the south edge of Gary.

What other events utilized the fairgrounds? I'm guessing the Chautauquas were held here as well as an occasional circus and many, many picnics were held on the shore of Lake Elsie.

I hope you enjoy the following "Fair" article taken from the August 24, 1886, issue of the Gary Interstate.



Gary School Ficnic at Fair Grounds







Pictured (left) a circus Big Top at the Deuel County Fairgrounds

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Fair!

In More Ways Than One--- Weather Delightful, Displays Tip-Top, Everything Good, No Rough Edges.

Two Grand Balloon Ascensions Added To The Week's Enjoyment.

The first annual fair of the Deuel County Agricultural Society was held at Gary, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week and was pronounced a grand success. Aside from the entry of a few articles, little was done the first day. Friday, the second day, the grounds and buildings were well filled with the best of everything, and before noon a large company of people, in which every part of this and the adjacent counties were well represented. had gathered to see the displays. The stock exhibit contained some fine animals. The best display seemed to be in the main building, where was spread the exhibit of fine arts, merchandise and farm produce. Here could be seen almost anything from a giant beet down to a fine painting, or from a paper collar to a set of parlor furniture. The show of plants and flowers would equal such displays of many larger fairs, and reflects credit upon those who arranged it. In the afternoon, a half-mile horse race was run. Frank Millard's little mare, Mattie, winning the honors.

THE BALLOON

was the leading feature of the day. The

parting salute to the crowd and began to perform upon his trapeze continuing this until he began his descent. The day was nicely fitted for the aeronaut's work, and the trip through the air was so successful that a second purse was easily raised, and another ascension appointed for the following day, Saturday. Prof. Zamora had his balloon in readiness at the appointed time, three o'clock, and casting loose his anchorage, began the ascent. When very nearly a mile from the earth, he turned and hung by his feet in the trapeze, after which he stopped his performance and rested upon the bar. The descent was as handsomely made as the trip upward, the balloon and its rider alighting safely on the hill near the grist mill.

A parlor circus company travels with the balloon and gave an entertainment in Well's Hall Saturday evening. The show consisted of performances upon the horizontal be, trapeze, Spanish rings, etc and was very good as far as it went; but one of the actors - the contortionist- received a severe sprain in the knee which caused the acting to be cut short. THIRD DAY

Saturday morning dawned cold and lowery, and a very poor attendance was anticipated; but about noon the clouds disappeared, and old Sol shone forth in all his splendor. Before 2 o'clock, the time appointed for the races, an assemblage even larger than that of the day before, had gathered on the grounds, and all was pleasant and enjoyable. T'was nearly 3 o'clock when the races were called. The contest was closest between Millard's Mattie and Charley Hamlin's horse, Snowball, the latter gaining both heats. After the races came the second balloon ascension and then, "Home Sweet Home."

citizens of Gary, outside the Fair Association, raised a purse and hired Juan Zamora to ascend from the fairgrounds in his balloon, "City of Mexico" on Friday last. The Zamora company came on the afternoon passenger train and at once proceeded to inflate their balloon with the necessary hot air, which was completed about 6:30 o'clock. As the balloon began to ascend, Prof. Zamora waved a

The Gate City Cornet Band rendered some excellent pieces of music in first-class style.

The decisions of the judges were fair and unbiased and were rendered after careful examination. The list of premiums awarded will be published next week: the reports of

the judges in the various departments are not all made so we are unable to give the list this week as expected.

Financially, socially, and in fact every way, the fair was a complete success, and we feel proud of Gary, and of the people who take such an interest in her welfare.

From the September 24, 1886, issue of the Gary Interstate.

Fairchild Farmgirl

August. Big stuff is happening right now and I'll let you in on a little secret. I'm not happy about it. Yep that's right...none of it is exciting. Zero. But only because I'm being completely selfish about it all. Let's start with this: Rachel's getting a new horse. Okay, I guess that's a little exciting. But even though it's this flashy blue roan mare and seriously gorgeous, it's a lot wild, not halter broke or saddle broke. It's going to be a saddle BRONC for a while! But they'll let a professional trainer deal with her. Here's to hoping we won't have any Sunday visits with Mike in the Canby ER with this horse. Rachel got thrown last month and it warranted a trip to town. What can I say? My kids live on the edge, whether their mother likes it or not. Jessie is looking at buying another horse too. Old Tinker, her horse, stays in the pasture, spoiled rotten with pets and treats, but we don't ride him, he's too old and has advancing arthritis. So far, I've made her share her Levi's horse. But she's getting impatient with my reasoning that we don't have the space for another in the pasture. Really, we could squeeze one or two more in. But do we need to? Then the biggest news of all: as of today, Grace leaves in 18 days to college. Gah! That's TERRIBLE, I mean fantastic, right? She's excited, I'm not. I don't know what happened to that five-year-old Grace that was so adorable, a little sassy and a lot sweet or where she went, but I'd like her back. Preferably before the 18th of August please. I know, it's kinda of selfish of me to never, ever want her to leave, but still. Her and I had gone to Brookings last week and were sitting in one of those little restaurants downtown. I was literally looking at her thinking, "soon you will move and never live with us again". I didn't want to get all teary eyed, so I made small talk about our mac and cheese bowls that we had ordered, but still. It's awful. Later that day as I kept thinking about her leaving, I received an email from SAI where we picked out our last two foreign exchange students. They were looking for host families and for a hot minute I thought maybe a new kid to get my mind off the one that was leaving was going to be a good thing. Rachel and I looked at our options, our choices and picked one...and then I thought, nope. Grace is leaving, we have our daughter Kara's wedding this fall, and Ron and I have decided that in one week, we aren't filling our cattle contracts and are getting out of the cattle game. So many new things...we can't add anything, even if I think it'll fix my sad heart. But then, I look around, I have five more kids at home. I'm far from empty nesting it, so I better buck up and also, now I have a built-in GATE CITY GENERAL lunch date in Brookings once a week when I A little bit of everything... deliver eggs. It may not be so bad after all, it's Monday - Saturday just new. New can be good. But if it's not, would 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. it be reasonable to hide her stuff so she can't Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. pack?

Until next time, Fairchild "or lay behind her jeep so she can't drive away?" Farmgirl

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A Look Back...

100 years ago, August 1923 Good horses for sale by National Bank of Gary Kenyon families have reunions

Gary School will open September 4th Deaths : Peter A., John E. West, and Mrs. Myron A Kenyon Specials : 49 lb. sack of flour - \$1.45 1 can of corn - 10¢

75 years ago, August 1948

Eight veteran firemen honored Marshall Wells Store in Gary expanding Marriages:

> Hydred Nelson and Burton Larson Margie Helmbolt and Hugo Hillman Lois Bierne and James Schaefer Verna Peterson and Warner Volk

50 years ago, August 1973 Marriages:

Trudy Peterson and James Sieve Linda Cooley and Gary Sanders Carol Theisen and Lyle Norton Connie Peterson and Dennis Baer School to open August 27th. Specials : Peas or corn - 6 cans for \$1.00

Gala towels- 2 rolls for 49¢ Head of lettuce- 29¢

25 years ago, August 1998 Blood drive exceeds goal of 45 units -

The Rules Are – There Are No Rules!

It took a month, but we found the historical images of the Soapbox Derby.

THEN



NOW



has 53 donors Miller and Udsen families hold reunions MaryAnne and Marty Grabow purchase gas station from Farmers' Union Jr. Aux holds a bake-a-thon Gary girls 14 and under win league tournament Viessman Trucking expands building Deaths - Sherry Miller and Harry Gage



It Takes a Community (Continued)

Supt. Cochrane Voices: Complimentary Comment This week I want to salute two people who have come to the rescue of the Auditorium. They have been here almost every day for the past two weeks, working on the doors. Nearly twenty doors had to be fit and hung when they began. Now there are very few left unfinished. These people are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Thomas. We have found them here early in the morning and late at night, many times working until 11 P.M. This is one of the bright spots of the whole thing. Without this kind of support, we could not be where we are now.

December 12, 1957, Gary Interstate: High School Wishes to Thank the Legion American Legion voted to allow money for a score board for the new auditorium. A Nadeu electric combination scoreboard and time clock was ordered Thursday. It will be installed on the north wall. The gesture of the Legion may make it possible having the basketball tournaments in Gary. Many, many thanks to the Legion from the faculty and students.

The first public event held in the new auditorium was the American Legion Poultry Party on December 18. This was followed by the first basketball game in the new gymnasium only days later. First Basketball Game Played in Gary's New School Auditorium The many fans who attended the first basketball game in the new auditorium last Friday evening, did not go away disappointed. They got their first look at the new auditorium and saw the Gary Tigers battle favored Watertown Juniors to a 51-51 tie with only a few seconds of the game left, when Watertown made a free throw to win the game 52-51.

January 9, 1958, Gary Interstate: Volunteer Labor Still Needed At School Auditorium Although the auditorium can be used for basketball games, there is still a great amount of work to be done. The past two weeks have seen many jobs completed. Much of the plumbing, hanging of doors, fitting moldings and casing, laying of tile in the foyer was done during this time. Such work as finishing the kitchen, laying of floor and tile on stage, tiling men's and women's lavatories, plumbing, sanding and varnishing bleachers and woodwork, helping with the wiring and many other jobs all require much more volunteer help.

Big Seven Basketball Tournament Schedule Teams playing - Revillo, South Shore, Goodwin, Watertown, Strandburg, and Waverly.

Country-Town Stars Basketball Game Here Monday, Jan 20 Basketball fans will be treated to another battle of "All-Stars" of this area when the "stars" from the country tangle with the city "stars" in another basketball game at the School Auditorium here on



Monday, January 20, at 8 P.M. Admission will be charged with proceeds donated to the Auditorium Fund.

23rd Annual Farmer & Town Night sponsored by the Gary Commercial Club, has been set for Monday evening, March 10. Plan now to attend this entertainment at the new Gary School Auditorium. Everything will be free.

The dedication program for the new auditorium was held April 17, 1958. Superintendent's Corner Are we using Gary's new auditorium for as many things as we should? Why not make better use of it? Just why was it built? Not only for basketball games, we hope.



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If the community is in need of a place for the people to get together for various functions, let's use the facilities that we have. There are several nights a week when the auditorium is not used. It takes a certain amount of heat and upkeep whether it is used or not. We cannot afford to leave a building idle if it is needed by the community. You people have done a lot of work on the building, and I think you are entitled to make better use of it. Maynard Cochrane

The Gary School auditorium was built by the entire community with an amazing 'can do' attitude. The pride the community had in completing this project was evident for many years after. Many of those workers had no children attending the Gary School, but yet they worked for the better of the community. They did it to make our town better and sixty-five years later, a new generation makes our town better with an awesome playground. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



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Labor At Auditorium

Arnold Anderson, Verle Anderson, Anderson Bill Anderson, Jim Almos. Aldon Clarence Almos, Oscar Almos, Asher, Lawrence Asher, Frank Anderson, Verle, Mrs Baer, Arnold Bekaert, Mary Norman Bailey, Brevik, Len Bowman, Kenneth Bren, Albert Douglas Bliss, Begalka, Alvin Bailey Bros. Cadwell, Claude Maynard Cochrane, Cochrane, Mrs. M. Cochrane, Alan Cochrane, Lois Cochrane,, Gene Cochrane, James Cochrane, David Cole, Elonne Cole, Jimmy Cole, James Cole, Cornelia Cornell, Ed

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Nelson, Ray Nelson, Harvey. Nenow, Bill Nilsson, Jack Nuteson, Eddle Nuteson, Duke Oswald, Erwin Olsen, Harry Paglusch, Walter Potthoff, T. J. Potthoff, Francis Priest Clint Priest, Charles Platts, Don Pederson, Nels Pederson, Jens Pederson, Orlan Peterson, Harry Rupe, Dey Reinertson, Joyce Rourk, Robert Rourk, James Rehder, Elmer Rost, Dwaine Rickard, Bob Rogne, Arnold Schutler, Francis Jr. Schulter, Francis Sr. Snyder, Grant Schaefer, Jack Jr., Sander Margaret Severson, Loren Severson, Gordon Sanden, Adolph Schulte, Gene Schulte, Donald Stoltenberg, Eimer Steffrid, Arne Stoebner, Alvin Steinle, Don Stone, Eldon

List Hours Of Donated Work At School Auditorium Building

Response Terrific on Auditorium

The response of the people helping on the auditorium has been terrific. You will see by checking the list below that many hours have already been donated and we etill have quite a way to go. The men of the country provide help during the day time and the men in town are on work crews at night. The ladies in town serve lunches to the workmen.

the workmen. The country captains that line up the men are Bill Stone. Royal Thompson, Bernard Schulte, Harry Olsen, and Emil Meister. The town captains are Ed Westgard, James Cole, Aloysius (Tookie) Miller, C. J. Mohror, and Don Steinle. The captains of the ladies who serve lunches are Mrs. Thos. Law, Mrs. Geraldine Brevik, Mrs. Wm. Slater, Mrs. Ray Nelson, and Mrs. Clyde Helmbolt.

Special thanks go to Clint Priest and Frank Kelsey who have taken over the wiring of the building and are keeping a watchful eye on the progress from day to day and working as the need arises. It is this kind of help that makes a project such as this possible.

> Torbert, Rev. James Torbert, Ken Thomas, Roy Thompson, Royal Thomas, Shelby Thomas, Duane Thomas, Ted Taylor Lester Tschacher, Joey Thomas, Mrs. Theo. Thomas, James Thomas, Donna Ullman, Ernest Veen, Harvey Veen. Loren Volk, Fred

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Grand Opening



The Grand Opening of the updated Gary City Park took place on Sunday, July 16th. The Gary Giver's served lunch from 11-1, kids played, adults supervised, there was entertainment by Phil Baker, the Balloon Man Louis Canfield was there making awesome balloon creations, and Monkey Business Ice Cream Truck had delicious treats. It was a wonderful "day at the park."









2023





OBITUARIES

Edward J. Nuteson



Edward J. Nuteson, age 87, of Gary, SD, passed away on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at the Sylvan Court Nursing Home in Canby, MN. Funeral service will be at 12 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gary, SD with Rev. Bruce Mueller officiating. Burial with Military Honors will be in the Grandview Cemetery, Gary, SD. Visitation will be Saturday, July 29th, one hour prior to the service at the church. Houseman Funeral Home, Birk Chapel in Canby, MN is entrusted with the arrangements.

Edward James Nuteson was born at home on the family farm on November 18, 1935, in Gary, South Dakota to parents Seffird and Martha (Gronning) Nuteson. He was raised on a farm north of Gary and attended school in Gary. Edward served his country in the Army and was stationed in Korea after the war ended. Returning home, he moved to the Twin Cities and worked in construction.

Edward was united in marriage to LaVonne (Weitzel) Nuteson on September 2, 1961, in Bayport, MN. At the age of 57, he and LaVonne moved to Gary, SD to return to his love of farming. He was a member of the Gary Legion and the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Gary. Edward passed away on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at the Sylvan Court Nursing Home in Canby, MN at the age of 87 years, 8 months and 2 days.

He is survived by his son, Scott (Carol) Nuteson, daughter, Carol (Joe) Stramer; grandchildren: Amanda (Marcus) Machin, Joshua (Melissa) Nuteson, Jacob (Paul) Stramer, Devon Nuteson; great-grandchildren, Skyler and Landon Nuteson; and sister, Geri Schilling.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife LaVonne Nuteson; parents, Seffird and Martha (Gronning) Nuteson; three brothers and seven sisters.

A special thank you to the staff at the Sylvan Court Nursing Home and hospice for the great care and kindness they provided over the last few years.





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To our current organizations this is a great chance for you to encourage your group members/friends not selling tickets to come in and cast their votes. It doesn't have to be while you are selling tickets either, any Thursday will work!

To any future organizations you can also have your group and friends come in to cast their votes any time during Track the Jack! Just ask them to cast a vote for your organization.

We have always and will always try our hardest to keep things fair and transparent. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Shirley Pederson, Misti Thomas, Rachel Hinsvark, And Robin Lanners



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